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## **DIVISION OF INSURANCE**

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## SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Michael Lewis 3975 Wilmington Avenue St. Louis, MO 63116

RE: Application for Insurance Producer License/Denial

Dear Michael Lewis,

This letter is to notify you that your application for licensure as a non-resident insurance producer in South Dakota has been denied. The reason for the denial is as follows:

You submitted an application for of an individual non-resident insurance producer license to the South Dakota Division of Insurance ("Division") May 3, 2021. On your application you answered "YES" to question 1B indicating that you have a felony conviction. You supplied the required information and provided documentation that you have been charged with or found guilty of the following crimes:

1997 Felony -- Statutory Sodomy

Additionally, in reviewing you application, it was discovered that Indiana had denied your application for licensure. Due this discrepancy on your application, the Division wrote to you via email, on August 9, 2021, for an explanation regarding the missing information. Having failed to receive a response, on November 15, 2021, the Division wrote to you via certified mail, advising you that you have violated the South Dakota Insurance Code for failing to respond and again asking for an explanation. On November 22, 2021, you responded with a copy of the identical documentation as what was submitted with your application.

Based on the above information, your application is denied based upon SDCL §§ 58-30-167 (2),(6),(8) & (9); for having a felony conviction; for using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state; and for having an insurance producers license or its equivalent denied or revoked in a different jurisdiction.

Please note that this denial is considered an administrative action which will be reported to the database maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. If an administrative action occurs, an insurance producer may be required to report the action to any and all states in which an insurance license is held and in accordance with the timeframes and requirements of each state.



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Pursuant to SDCL § 58-30-168, you may make a written request to the Division of Insurance within thirty (30) days of the date of this denial for a hearing to determine the reasonableness of this decision to deny your application for licensure.

Sincerely,

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