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SENT VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL & CERTIFIED MAIL

William Merten  
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RE: Application for Insurance Producer License

Mr. Merten,

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

You submitted an application to the South Dakota Division of Insurance ("Division") for an individual insurance producer license on October 6, 2022. You answered "yes" regarding questions about misdemeanors and felonies. The Division conducted an investigation of your application, where you provided documentation showing crimes involving possession of controlled substances and intoxication. The Division requested documentation showing completion of your probation on December 2, 2022. You responded by providing duplicative documentation and stating that the Montgomery Circuit Court Records Office does not have a document showing termination of probation as regards the 2017 felony. You did provide documentation showing you were released from supervised into unsupervised probation.

Based on the above information, your application is denied under SDCL 58-30-167(6) for having been convicted of a felony. 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.

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

Sincerely,

Tony Dorschner  
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