

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND REGULATION
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF)	CONSENT ORDER
KENNEIGHA BARNES)	

In resolution of the above matter and in lieu of issuance of a Notice of Hearing and a formal hearing, the undersigned parties do hereby agree to the following:

KENNEIGHA BARNES, whose address of record is 3225 W 4th St Apt D4, Hattiesburg, MS 39401-5844, is a licensed nonresident producer in the State of South Dakota;

KENNEIGHA BARNES is aware the South Dakota Division of Insurance (“Division”) has conducted an investigation;

The Division alleges the following with regard to KENNEIGHA BARNES:

- 1) KENNEIGHA BARNES was subject to an administrative action in the state of Kansas;
- 2) On September 25, 2023, the State of Kansas denied KENNEIGHA BARNES’s insurance producer license, in violation of SDCL 58-30-167(2) and (9);
- 3) KENNEIGHA BARNES failed to report the administrative action to the Division, in violation of SDCL 58-30-193;
- 4) KENNEIGHA BARNES failed to respond the Division’s requests for explanation dated April 19, 2024 and May 15, 2024, in violation of SDCL 58-33-66(1);
- 5) Pursuant to SDCL 58-30-167(1), (2), & (9) the Director of Division may revoke KENNEIGHA BARNES’s license for any of the above-cited reasons.

KENNEIGHA BARNES is aware of and understands the nature of the allegations and has been informed that they have the right to a Notice of Hearing, counsel, and appeal and that by agreeing to sign this Consent Order, waives these rights;

In return for KENNEIGHA BARNES agreeing to and complying with the provisions of this Consent Order, the Division agrees not to proceed with the revocation of KENNEIGHA BARNES’s license and subsequent administrative hearing and agrees that this Consent Order will constitute an informal and complete disposition of this licensing matter and the prior period of non-registration pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20;

KENNEIGHA BARNES agrees to pay \$500 pursuant to SDCL 58-30-167(2), 58-30-193, 58-33-66(1), and 58-4-28.1, in lieu of a license revocation, administrative hearing, and Final Decision;

KENNEIGHA BARNES further agrees to conduct themselves in accordance with the insurance laws and regulations of the State of South Dakota;

KENNEIGHA BARNES further agrees that this Consent Order may be considered for the purpose of determining the appropriate sanction in any future actions with the Division for any violations of the laws or regulations of the State of South Dakota or for failing to abide by any order of the Director;

KENNEIGHA BARNES waives their right to contest the allegations contained in this Consent Order in any future actions or licensing procedures;

Wherefore, good cause appearing from the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that KENNEIGHA BARNES pay a monetary penalty in the amount of \$500 payable to "South Dakota Division of Insurance" for deposit in the general fund of the State of South Dakota; and it is further

ORDERED that KENNEIGHA BARNES abide by the agreements made by them in this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the use of this Consent Order for competitive purposes by an insurance agent or third-party administrator holding a license in the State of South Dakota, or by any company holding a Certificate of Authority, or by anyone on their behalf, may be deemed unfair competition and be grounds for suspension or revocation of said license or authority; and it is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Consent Order shall be effective from the date the Director signs this Order.


Dated at Pierre, South Dakota this 18th day of November, 2024.



Larry Deiter, Director
South Dakota Division of Insurance

I have read and understand the terms of this Consent Order and the waiver of my due process rights and voluntarily enter into this Consent Order.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2024.



Signature

Kenneigha Barnes

Printed Name