BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE:

VIOLATIONS:

JAMES C. McGINLEY

40 Purdons Statutes, Sections

604 6<sup>th</sup> Street

310.11(20) and 625-4

Oakmont, PA 15139

:

Respondent.

Docket No. CO09-03-008

#### CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 23<sup>M</sup> day of July , 2009, this Order is hereby issued by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

- 1. Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that he has received proper notice of his rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. § 101, et seq., or other applicable law.
- 2. Respondent hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, and agrees that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the Administrative Agency Law, <u>supra</u>, or other applicable law.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 3. The Insurance Department finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:
  - (a) Respondent is James C. McGinley, and maintains his address at 604 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.
  - (b) At all relevant times herein, Respondent has been a licensed insurance producer.
  - (c) Respondent admitted to mailing a new policyholder his American Equity

    Annuity policy instead of hand-delivering it, as he led the insurance

    company to believe.
  - (d) Respondent admitted supplying American Equity with a policy delivery notice that indicated a date the policy was accepted by the policyholder, prior to the date the insured actually received it in the mail, which did not give the insured the correct statutorily required policy examination period.
  - (e) Respondent has agreed to the voluntary surrender of his insurance producer license.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Insurance Department concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:
  - (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance

    Department.
  - (b) 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 310.11(20) prohibits a licensee from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the Department that the licensee is worthy of licensure.
  - (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(d) violate 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 310.11(20).
  - (d) Respondent's violations of Section 310.11(20) are punishable by the following, under 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 310.91:
    - suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the certificate of qualification or license;

- (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for every violation of the Act;
- (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
- (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.
- (e) 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 625-4, Policy Delivery, requires that when the individual policy or annuity is delivered to the policyholder by the producer by hand, a delivery receipt shall be used. This receipt must be in at least a duplicate set and state the date the policy or annuity was received by the policyholder. The receipt date shall be the date on which the policyholder and producer sign the delivery receipt, and such date shall commence any applicable policy or annuity examination period. Copies of the delivery receipt must be provided to the policyholder on the date of policy or annuity delivery and to the issuing insurer. When the individual policy or annuity is delivered to the policyholder by means other than by hand delivery by the producer, the insurer shall establish appropriate means of verifying delivery by the producer of the policy or annuity and of establishing the date from which any applicable policy or examination period shall commence. A certificate of mailing is adequate proof of delivery.
- (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(d) violate 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 625-4.

(d) Respondent's violations of 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 625-4 are punishable by the following, under 40 P.S. § 625-10: Upon determination by hearing that this act has been violated, the commissioner may issue a cease and desist order, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the license, or impose a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 per violation.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

- 5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Insurance Department orders and Respondent consents to the following:
  - (a) Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
  - (b) Respondent shall surrender all licenses/certificates to conduct the business of insurance within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as of the date of this Consent Order.
  - (c) If Respondent should ever become licensed in the future, his certificates and licenses may be immediately suspended by the Department following its investigation and determination that (i) any terms of this Order have not been complied with, or (ii) any complaint against Respondent is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under (ii)

above is limited to a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of such certificates and licenses.

- (d) Respondent specifically waives his right to prior notice of said suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Department mailed to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, notification of said suspension, which hearing shall be scheduled for a date within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Respondent's written request.
- (e) At the hearing referred to in paragraph (d) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of an insurance certificate and license.
- (f) In the event Respondent's certificates and licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(c) above, and Respondent either fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that he is worthy of a certificate and license, Respondent's suspended certificates and licenses shall be revoked.
- 6. In the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies

available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, <u>supra</u>, or other relevant provision of law; or, if applicable, the Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

- 7. Alternatively, in the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Department may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, <u>supra</u>, or other relevant provision of law.
- 8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.
- 9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.
- 10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

11. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Insurance Department. Only the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violations of law contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee.

BY:

JAMES C. McGINLEY, Respondent

COMMONWEALTH OF PENESYLVANIA

By: Ronald A. Gallagher, Jr. Deputy Insurance Commissioner

# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: The Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 177, No. 175, known as The

Administrative Code of 1929

AND NOW, this <u>3200</u> day of <u>Quily</u>, 2008, Ronald A.

Gallagher, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, is hereby designated as the Commissioner's duly authorized representative for purposes of entering in and executing Consent Orders.

This delegation of authority shall continue in effect until otherwise terminated by a later Order of the Insurance Commissioner.

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Insurance Commissioner

