

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Proceedings by the Commissioner of Banking)	
and Insurance, State of New Jersey, to fine)	CONSENT
Sean M. Knight, Reference No. 9136795)	ORDER

To: Sean M. Knight
170 Little York Pattenburg Rd.
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

This matter, having been opened by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance (“Commissioner”), State of New Jersey, upon information that Sean M. Knight (“Respondent”), currently licensed as a resident individual insurance producer, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-32a, may have violated the insurance laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Respondent is subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Insurance Producer Licensing Act of 2001, N.J.S.A. 17:22A-26 to –48 (the “Producer Act”), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a, the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew an insurance producer’s license, and may levy a civil penalty, for a violation of the Producer Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a(2), an insurance producer shall not violate any insurance law, regulation, subpoena or order of the Commissioner or of another state’s insurance regulator; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a(8), an insurance producer shall not use fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices, or demonstrate incompetence,

untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of insurance business in this State or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent submitted applications for homeowner's coverage to Franklin Mutual Insurance and Allstate Insurance Company for insured VV and JV, effective September 30, 2017 and November 17, 2017 respectively, without cancelling the insured's existing coverage with Preferred Mutual Insurance Company which resulted in duplicative coverage, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a(2) and (8); and

WHEREAS, Respondent:

- 1) Has admitted responsibility for the aforementioned violations; and
- 2) Has cooperated with the investigation conducted by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance ("Department"); and
- 3) Has asserted that the violations cited in this Consent Order were not willful; and

WHEREAS, cause does exist under N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a and N.J.S.A. 17:22A-45c to impose a fine; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent has waived his right to a hearing on the aforementioned violations and consented to the payment of a fine in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00); and

WHEREAS, this matter should be resolved upon the consent of the parties without resort to a formal hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS on this 25th day of February, 2019

ORDERED AND AGREED, that the Respondent pay a fine in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Department; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that said fine shall be paid by certified check, cashier's check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey, General Treasury," which shall be paid upon execution of this Consent Order by Respondent; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the signed Consent Order together with the fine payment of \$2,500.00, shall be remitted to:

New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance
Attention: Virgil Downtin- Chief of Investigations
9th Floor, Consumer Protection Services, Enforcement
P.O. Box 329
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-329

and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the provisions of this Consent Order represent a final agency decision and constitute a final resolution of the violations contained herein; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the conduct that gave rise to this Consent Order.



Marlene Caride
Commissioner

Consented to as to Form,
Entry and Content:

By: 

Sean M. Knight

Date: 2/4/19