STATE OF INDIANA)		BEFORE THE INDIANA
) :	SS:	COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
COUNTY OF MARION)		
		CAUSE NO.: 22065-AG22-1219-211
IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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Jose Soto)	
880 Kilbridge Ln)	
Coppell, TX 75019-2018		
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Respondent.)	UIN 0 0 2022
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Type of Agency Action: Enforcement		STATE OF INDIANA
3*)	DEPT. OF INSURANCE
License Number: 3602945)	

FINAL ORDER

The Enforcement Division of the Indiana Department of Insurance ("Department"), by counsel, Samantha Aldridge, and Jose Soto ("Respondent"), a nonresident insurance producer requesting license renewal, signed an Agreed Entry which purports to resolve all issues involved in the above-captioned cause number, which has been submitted to the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance ("Commissioner") for approval.

The Commissioner, after reviewing the Agreed Entry, which levies a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) due to Respondent's failure to timely disclose an administrative action during his previous period of licensure and for failing to disclose pending criminal charges on his original licensure application, finds it has been entered into fairly and without fraud, duress, or undue influence and is fair and equitable between the parties. The Commissioner hereby incorporates the Agreed Entry, attached, as if fully set forth herein, and approves and adopts in full the Agreed Entry as resolution of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commissioner as follows:

1. Respondent's renewal of his nonresident producer license shall be approved contingent upon Respondent timely paying the civil penalty. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Department within thirty (30) days after the Commissioner signs this Final Order. Failure to timely pay the civil penalty may result in the Department denying renewal of Respondent's nonresident producer license.

Date Signed

Amy L. Beard, Commissioner Indiana Department of Insurance

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AGREED ENTRY

This Agreed Entry is executed by and between the Enforcement Division of the Indiana Department of Insurance ("Department"), by counsel Samantha Aldridge, and Jose Soto ("Respondent"), a nonresident insurance producer requesting license renewal, to resolve all issues in the above-captioned cause number. This Agreed Entry is subject to the review and approval of Amy L. Beard, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance ("Commissioner").

WHEREAS, Respondent has held an Indiana nonresident producer's license, number 3602945, since November 2, 2020;

WHEREAS, On Respondent's original application on October 23, 2020, Respondent failed to disclose his pending felony charges on said application;

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2021, Respondent signed a Consent Order with the Florida Department of Insurance, to voluntarily surrender his resident producer's license due to Respondent's failure to make required disclosure on his license application;

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2022, Respondent submitted an application to renew his nonresident producer's license;

WHEREAS, on said application, Respondent disclosed for the first time, his administrative action by Florida to the Department;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(1) is an insurance law that states the Commissioner may levy a civil penalty for providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information in a license application;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12-(b)(2)(A) states in part, the Commissioner may levy a civil penalty against an insurance producer for violating an insurance law;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-17(a) is an insurance law that states, A producer shall report to the commissioner any administrative action taken against the producer in another jurisdiction or by another governmental agency in Indiana not more than thirty (30) days after the final disposition of the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Respondent (collectively, the "Parties") desire to resolve this matter without the necessity of a hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, NOW AGREED by and between the Parties as follows:

- The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Parties to this Agreed Entry.
- 2. In order to avoid formal litigation in this matter, Respondent has determined that it is in Respondent's best interests to enter into this Agreed Entry. As such, Respondent acknowledges that Respondent executes this Agreed Entry with full realization of its contents and effects.

- 3. This Agreed Entry is executed knowingly, voluntarily, and freely by the Parties. The Parties agree that the terms of this Agreed Entry constitute final resolution of this matter.
- 4. Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and freely waives the right to a public hearing on this matter, including the right to appear in person before the Commissioner, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and present arguments.
- Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and freely waives the right to judicial review of this matter or otherwise appeal or challenge the validity of this Agreed Entry.
- 6. Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and freely waives, releases, and forever discharges all claims or challenges, known or unknown, against the Department, its Commissioner, employees, agents, and representatives, in their individual and official capacities, that arise out of or are related to the Agreed Entry or Final Order, including but not limited to any act or omission as part of the underlying audit, investigation, negotiation, or approval process.
- 7. Respondent's nonresident producer license shall be approved contingent upon Respondent timely paying the civil penalty. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Department within thirty (30) days after the Commissioner signs the Final Order adopting this Agreed Entry.

- Failure to timely pay the civil penalty may result in the Department denying Respondent's application for nonresident producer license.
- 8. Respondent has carefully read and examined this Agreed Entry and fully understands its terms.
- 9. Respondent has had the opportunity to have this Agreed Entry reviewed by legal counsel of Respondent's choosing, at Respondent's own expense, and is aware of the benefits gained and obligations incurred by the execution of this Agreed Entry. Respondent understands and agrees that the Department cannot give Respondent legal advice.
- 10. Respondent has entered into this Agreed Entry knowingly, voluntarily, and freely, and has not been subject to duress, coercion, threat, or undue influence.
- 11. This Agreed Entry constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties, and no other promises or agreements, express or implied, have been made by the Department or by any employee, director, agent, or other representative thereof to induce Respondent to enter this Agreed Entry.
- 12. The Department agrees to accept Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Agreed Entry as full satisfaction of this matter and warrants and represents that so long as Respondent complies with the terms of this Agreed Entry, the Department will not bring any further

- action against Respondent based on the facts that gave rise to this Agreed Entry.
- 13. In the event the Department finds there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Agreed Entry, the Department may reopen this matter and pursue alternative action pursuant to Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12.
- 14. Respondent waives any applicable statute of limitations for purposes of any enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreed Entry.
- 15. Respondent acknowledges that this Agreed Entry may be admitted into evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding against Respondent to enforce the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 16. Respondent understands that this Agreed Entry resolves only the matter pending with the Department and does not affect any criminal prosecution or civil litigation that may be pending or hereinafter commence against Respondent.
- 17. This Agreed Entry does not in any way affect the Department's authority in future audits, investigations, examinations, negotiations, or other complaints involving Respondent.
- 18. It is expressly understood that this Agreed Entry is subject to the Commissioner's acceptance and has no force or effect until such acceptance is evidenced by the entry of a Final Order by the Commissioner.

- 19. Should this Agreed Entry not be accepted by the Commissioner, it is agreed that presentation to, and consideration of this Agreed Entry by the Commissioner, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Commissioner or Respondent from further participation in or resolution of these proceedings.
- 20. If this Agreed Entry is accepted by the Commissioner, it will become part of Respondent's permanent record and may be considered in future actions brought by the Department or any other regulator against Respondent. It is further understood that, if accepted by the Commissioner, this Agreed Entry and resulting Final Order are public records pursuant to Indiana Code § 4-21.5-3-32 that may not be sealed or otherwise withheld from the public and may be reported to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and published on the Department's website as required.
 - 21. Respondent acknowledges that this is an Administrative Action Respondent may be required to report to other jurisdictions in which Respondent is licensed and on future licensing applications.

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Date Signed

5/3/23 Date Signed Samantha Aldridge, Attorney #35162-49

Indiana Department of Insurance

Jose Soto, Respondent

STATE OF FL				,
COUNTY OF	Miami	Dude) SS: ()	

Before me a Notary Public for Him. Dade County, State of Florida, personally appeared Jose Soto and being first duly sworn by me upon Jose Soto's oath, says that the facts alleged in the foregoing instrument are true.

Signed and sealed this, day of
DORIAN CASTRO GUERRERO Notary Public, State of Florida Commission# HH 40011 My comm. expires Nov. 2, 2024 Tue Soto Printed
My Commission expires:
County of Residence: Miami Dade

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