

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE

P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-0690

IN RE:)	
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SHAYNE THOMAS PATTON,)	Case No. 1906120868C
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Applicant.)	

ORDER REFUSING TO ISSUE A RESIDENT INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSE

CHLORA LINDLEY-MYERS, Director of the Missouri Department of Commerce and Insurance ("Director" of the "Department"), takes up the above matter for consideration and disposition. After reviewing the Petition, the Investigative Report, and the entirety of the file, the Director issues the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Shayne Thomas Patton ("Patton") is a Missouri resident with a residential address of 36308 E Gardner, Oak Grove, Missouri, 64075.
- 2. On or about March 13, 2019, the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration¹ received Patton's completed Application for a resident insurance producer license ("Application").
- 3. Patton accepted and affirmed the Applicant's Certification and Attestation section, which states in relevant part:

I hereby certify that, under penalty of perjury, all of the information submitted in this application and attachments is true and complete. I am aware that submitting false information or omitting pertinent or material information in connection with this application is grounds for license

¹ The Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration is the predecessor agency of the Department of Commerce and Insurance. *See* Executive Order 19-02.

revocation or denial of the license and may subject me to civil or criminal penalties.

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I further certify that, under penalty of perjury, a) I have no child-support obligation, b) I have a child-support obligation and I am currently in compliance with that obligation, or c) I have identified my child support obligation arrearage on this application.

4. Background Information Question No. 7 of the Application asks the following:

Do you have a child support obligation in arrearage?

7A. If you answer yes, a) by how many months are you in arrearage?
7B. b) are you currently subject to and in compliance with any repayment agreement?

7C. c) are you the subject of a child support related subpoena/warrant? (If you answered yes, provide documentation showing proof of current payments or an approved repayment plan from the appropriate state child support agency).

- 5. Patton answered "Yes" to Background Information Question No. 7. Patton stated that he was twenty-four months in arrears, and that he was complying with a repayment agreement. Patton attached to his Application a copy of his Judgment and Decree of Dissolution of Marriage, showing that he was subject to the following child support order:
 - a. Patton was ordered to pay \$825.00 per month for the support of his minor child. *Abigail R. Patton v. Shayne T. Patton*, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 1616-FC07269. According to records from the Missouri Family Support Division, no payments have been made in the last thirteen months and the arrearage owed as of July 8, 2020 is \$39,600.00.
- 6. Patton did not disclose any other child support obligations or arrearages.
- 7. Contrary to Patton's response that he was subject to one child support order, the Division discovered that Patton is subject to two additional child support orders.
 - a. Patton was ordered to pay \$845.00 per month for the support of his minor child. *Jamie L. Lorenz-Patton v. Shayne T. Patton*, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 00FC201794. The arrearage owed as of July 8, 2020, is \$24,199.53, according to records from the Family Support Division.
 - b. Patton was ordered to pay \$363.00 per month for the support of his minor child. *Lindsey Haviland v. Shayne Patton*, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 1116-FC03067. The arrearage owed as of July 8, 2020 is \$18,388.87, according to the records from the Family Support Division.

- 8. Patton provided an explanation for the child support arrearage on the case which he disclosed to the Division, claiming that the mother of the minor in whose name the support order was issued understood and agreed that he would not be able to make monthly payments due to the fact that Patton was caring for his elderly parents at the time. Abigail R. Patton v. Shayne T. Patton, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 1616-FC07269.
- 9. However, Patton did not submit any statement explaining his failure to disclose his child support arrearages, nor did Patton on provide any documentation indicating that he is in compliance with the administrative or court orders imposing child support obligations for the aforementioned two court Orders (Jamie L. Lorenz-Patton v. Shayne T. Patton and Lindsey Haviland v. Shayne Thomas Patton) or that he has entered into a payment plan to cure his arrears for these same Orders. Jamie L. Lorenz-Patton v. Shayne T. Patton, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 00FC201794. See also Lindsey Haviland v. Shayne Patton, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 1116-FC03067.
- 10. It is inferable and hereby found as fact that Patton failed to disclose the full extent of his child support obligations and his arrearage in his response to Background Information Question No. 7 of the Application in order to misrepresent to the Director that he did not owe arrearages on his child support obligations, and consequently improve the chances that the Director would approve his Application and issue him a resident insurance producer license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11. Section 375.141.1, RSMo (2016), provides, in relevant part:

The director may suspend, revoke, refuse to issue, or refuse to renew an insurance producer license for any one or more of the following causes:

- (3) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license through material misrepresentation or fraud; [or]
- (13) Failing to comply with an administrative or court order imposing a child support obligation [.]
- 12. The Director may refuse to issue a resident insurance producer license to Patton under §375.141.1(3) because Patton attempted to obtain a license through material misrepresentation or fraud by failing to disclose two child support cases that were in arrearage at the time of the application. Jamie L. Lorenz-Patton v. Shayne T. Patton,

² All civil statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (2016) unless otherwise indicated.

Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 00FC201794 and Lindsey Haviland v. Shayne Patton, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 1116-FC03067.

- 13. The Director may refuse to issue a resident insurance producer license to Patton under §375.141.1(13) because Patton has failed to comply with an administrative or court order imposing a child support obligation, demonstrated by the unpaid child support arrearages of \$39,600.00, \$24,199.53, and \$18,388.87 in these separate cases, totaling \$82,188.40. Jamie Lynn Lorenz-Patton v. Shayne Thomas Patton, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 00FC201794; Lindsey Haviland v. Shayne Patton, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 1116-FC03067; Abigail R. Patton v. Shayne T. Patton, Jackson Co. Cir. Ct., Case No. 1616-FC07269.
- 14. The Director has considered Patton's history and all the circumstances surrounding Patton's Application and exercises her discretion to refuse to issue Patton a resident insurance producer license.
- 15. This Order is in the public interest.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Shayne Thomas Patton's Application for a resident insurance producer license is hereby REFUSED.

SO ORDERED.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS OGT DAY OF June, 2022.

CHLORA LINDLEY-MYERS DIRECTOR

NOTICE

TO: Applicant and any unnamed persons aggrieved by this Order

You may request a hearing in this matter. You may do so by filing a complaint with the Administrative Hearing Commission of Missouri, P.O. Box 1557, Jefferson City, Missouri, within 30 days after the mailing of this notice pursuant to Section 621.120, RSMo. Pursuant to 1 CSR 15-3.290, unless you send your complaint by registered or certified mail, it will not be considered filed until the Administrative Hearing Commission

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receives it.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of June, 2022, a copy of the foregoing Order and Notice was served upon the Applicant in this matter by UPS, signature required, at the following address:

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