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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF NEBRASKA

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STATE OF NEBRASKA)	
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,)	FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
)	OF LAW, RECOMMENDED ORDER
PETITIONER,)	AND ORDER
)	
VS.)	CAUSE NO. A-2500
)	
DANIEL DONOVAN,)	
(NAIC Producer #8727658))	
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)	
RESPONDENT.)	

This matter came up for hearing on June 26, 2025, before Megan VanAusdall, a hearing officer duly appointed by the Director of the Nebraska Department of Insurance. The Nebraska Department of Insurance ("Department") was represented by senior-certified law student, Gunner Prickett, with counsel for the Department, Michael W. Anderson, supervising. Daniel Donovan ("Respondent") was not present and was not represented by counsel. The proceedings were recorded by Shelly Storie, a licensed Notary Public. The Department presented evidence at the hearing and the matter was taken under advisement. The hearing officer makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Department is the agency of the State of Nebraska charged with licensing Insurance Producers.
2. Respondent currently holds a non-resident insurance producer's license in the State of Nebraska. Respondent's registered business and residential address with the Nebraska Department of Insurance is 2920 MANHATTAN AVE, MANHATTAN BEACH, California 90266, and Respondent's registered mailing address is "P. O. Box 3532, MANHATTAN BEACH, California 90266." Respondent's registered email address with the Department is DANIEL@DJDINS.COM (See Ex. 1, Attachment 1).

3. On or about February 26, 2025, Kevin Schlautman (“Schlautman”), the administrator of the Department’s Licensing Division, received a letter from the National Insurance Producer Registry (“NIPR”), notifying him that NIPR had been unsuccessful in collecting the licensing fee for Respondent’s Application to renew his insurance license in Nebraska. (See Ex. 1, Attachment 2).

4. On or about March 18, 2025, Schlautman sent a letter by certified mail to Respondent, addressed to the address on record, informing him of the unpaid fee and requesting the renewal fee be paid. (See Ex. 1, Attachment 3).

5. On or about March 19, 2025, Schlautman sent an email, addressed to Respondent’s email address on file, again informing him of the unpaid fee and requesting payment. (See Ex. 1, Attachment 4)

6. As of June 25, 2025, the Respondent has not provided a response to Schlautman, as a representative of the Petitioner’s Office. (See Ex. 1)

7. On or about May 8, 2025, a copy of the Petition and Notice of Hearing were served upon Respondent by Shelly Storie, (“Storie”), an employee of the Department, by mailing the same to Respondent’s registered business and residential address with the Department at 2920 MANHATTAN AVE., MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, and to Respondent’s mailing address at PO BOX 3532, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail. (See Exhibit 2)

8. On or about June 16, 2025, the Petitioner’s Office, through Storie, received the letter sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to Respondent’s mailing address of PO BOX 3532, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, which was returned by the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) marked “RETURN TO SENDER, UNCLAIMED, UNABLE TO FORWARD.” As of June 25, 2025, the letter sent by regular mail to the Respondent’s mailing address has not been returned to the Department. (See Exhibit 2, Attachment 1)

9. On or about June 25, 2025, Storie checked the USPS tracking history on their website, using the number associated with the letter sent to Respondent’s business and residential address of 2920 MANHATTAN AVE., MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, and found the following logged: “UNCLAIMED, BEING RETURNED TO SENDER” on June 18, 2025. (See Exhibit 2, Attachment 2)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Department has broad jurisdiction, control, and discretion over the licensing of insurance producers in the State of Nebraska pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 44-101.01 and 44-4047 et seq.
2. The Department has personal jurisdiction over Respondent.
3. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-4059(1)(h), using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere.
4. Respondent violated Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 44-4059(1)(h) as a result of the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact.

DISCUSSION

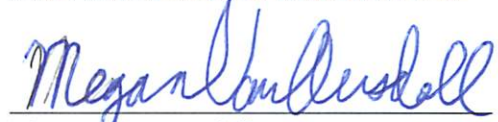
At the hearing, the Department presented sufficient evidence of proper service of notice of these proceedings upon Respondent. The Department served Respondent via certified mail, return receipt requested and regular U.S. mail to the Respondent's registered address. The Department also provided a Domestic Return Receipt for the notice filings, which, along with the tracking information also provided, confirm delivery to the Respondent. Based upon the evidence of record, the Department's service of the petition and notice of hearing upon Respondent at its mailing address was sufficient and jurisdiction over the actions of the Respondent in this matter has been established.

RECOMMENDED ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is recommended that Respondent's resident insurance producer's license be suspended, until such time as the Respondent pays the required licensing fee in full. The Nebraska Department of Insurance shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purpose of enabling Respondent or the Department of Insurance to make application for such orders as may be necessary.

Dated this 10th day of September 2025.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE



Megan VanAusdall
Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I have reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order and hereby certify that the Recommended Order is adopted as the official and final Order of this Department in the matter of State of Nebraska, Department of Insurance vs. Daniel Donovan (NAIC Producer #8727658), Cause No. A-2500.

Dated this 12th day of September 2025.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE



Eric Dunning
Director of Insurance

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Recommended Order, and Order was served upon the Respondent by mailing a copy to Respondent's registered business and residential, and mailing addresses, respectively, with the Department: 2920 MANHATTAN AVE., MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, and PO BOX 3532, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, via certified mail, return receipt requested and via regular U.S. mail, as well as by sending a copy as a digital attachment to email, addressed to Respondent's registered email address, DANIEL@DJDINS.COM, on this 12th day of September 2025.

