

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 31, 2002

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

At the relation of the

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

v.

CASE NO. INS-2002-00139

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant

SETTLEMENT ORDER

Based on an investigation and subsequent allegations by the Bureau of Insurance, it appears that Defendant, duly licensed by the Commission to transact the business of insurance in the Commonwealth of Virginia, violated § 38.2-604 of the Code of Virginia by failing to provide proper notice of insurance information practices to applicants or policyholders in connection with insurance transactions.

The Commission is authorized by §§ 38.2-218, 38.2-219, and 38.2-1040 of the Code of Virginia to impose certain monetary penalties, issue cease and desist orders, and suspend or revoke Defendant's license upon a finding by the Commission, after notice and opportunity to be heard, that Defendant has committed the aforesaid alleged violations.

Defendant has been advised of its right to a hearing in this matter, whereupon Defendant, without admitting any violation of Virginia law, has made an offer of settlement to the Commission wherein Defendant has tendered to the Commonwealth of Virginia the sum of ten thousand dollars

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(\$10,000), waived its right to a hearing, and agreed to the entry by the Commission of a cease and desist order.

The Bureau of Insurance has recommended that the Commission accept the offer of settlement of Defendant pursuant to the authority granted the Commission in § 12.1-15 of the Code of Virginia.

THE COMMISSION, having considered the record herein, the offer of settlement of Defendant, and the recommendation of the Bureau of Insurance, is of the opinion that Defendant's offer should be accepted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The offer of Defendant in settlement of the matter set forth herein be, and it is hereby, accepted;

(2) Defendant cease and desist from any conduct which constitutes a violation of § 38.2-604 of the Code of Virginia; and

(3) The papers herein be placed in the file for ended causes.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to Jeffrey W. Williams, Regional Counsel, Allstate Insurance Company, 12150 East Monument Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22033; and the Bureau of Insurance in care of Deputy Commissioner Mary M. Bannister.