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FINANCIAL SERVICES

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TOM GALLAGHER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
STATE OF FLORIDA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Docketed by: SS

STEVE TORRES

CASE NO: 81323-05-AG

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration and final agency action. On June 7, 2005, an Administrative Complaint was filed by the Florida Department of Financial Services (hereinafter referred to as the "Department"), charging the Respondent, Steve Torres, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Respondent"), with committing various violations of the Florida Statutes by failing to meet the qualifications for a temporary limited surety agent's license due to his prior criminal history. The Respondent timely filed a request for a proceeding pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes. Subsequently, a hearing was conducted, pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on October 5, 2005 before Stuart M. Lerner, Administrative Law Judge, Division of Administrative Hearings.

After consideration of the evidence, argument and testimony presented at hearing, the Administrative Law Judge issued his Recommended Order on November 21, 2005. (Attached as Exhibit A). The Administrative Law Judge recommended that the Department enter a final order finding that the Respondent is not qualified to hold a temporary bail bond agent license due to his prior criminal history and revoking Respondent's license(s) and eligibility for licensure in the State of Florida. Neither party filed exceptions to the Recommended Order. Therefore, upon careful

consideration of the record, the submissions of the parties and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is ORDERED:

1. The Findings of Fact of the Administrative Law Judge are adopted in full as the Department's Findings of Fact.

2. The Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge are adopted in full as the Department's Conclusions of Law.

3. The Administrative Law Judge's recommendation that the Department enter a Final Order finding that Respondent is not qualified to hold a temporary bail bond agent license and revoking Respondent's license(s) and eligibility for licensure in the State of Florida is approved and accepted as being the appropriate disposition of this case.

ACCORDINGLY, it is ORDERED that Respondent's, STEVE TORRES' license(s) and eligibility for licensure are hereby REVOKED effective immediately upon issuance of the Final Order. Pursuant to Section 648.50(1), Florida Statutes, the revocation of Respondent's license(s) and eligibility for licensure is applicable to all licenses and eligibility held by Respondent under the Florida Insurance Code. Pursuant to Section 648.50(3), Florida Statutes, the Respondent shall not be employed by any bail bond agent, have ownership interest in any business involving bail bonds, or have any financial interest of any type in any bail bond business during the period of revocation. Pursuant to Section 648.49(2), Florida Statutes, the Respondent may not apply for another license issued under Chapter 648, Florida Statutes.

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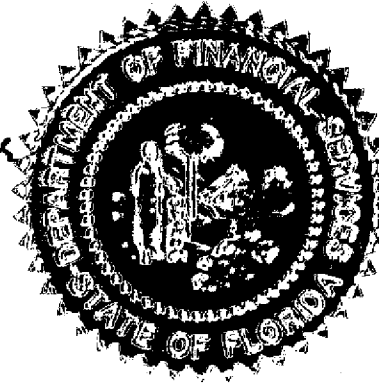
Any party to these proceedings adversely affected by this Order is entitled to seek review of this Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Review proceedings must be instituted by filing a Notice of Appeal with the General

Counsel, acting as the agency clerk, at 612 Larson Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0333, and a copy of the same and the filing fee with the appropriate District Court of Appeal within thirty (30) days of the rendition of this Order.

DONE and ORDERED this 15 day of December, 2005.



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