STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

JOHN R. BLUM,

Final Order No. <u>DMS</u> – 14-0068

Petitioner,

VS.

CASE NO. 14-2808

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES, DIVISION OF RETIREMENT,

Responde	ent.
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FINAL ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, Jessica E. Varn, assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearing in the above styled cause, entered a Recommended Order on August 25, 2014, attached hereto and incorporated herein as "Exhibit A."

Pursuant to rule 28-106.217, Florida Administrative Code, exceptions may be filed within 15 days of the date of entry of the Recommended Order. The Petitioner and Respondent have not filed exceptions. The Department, pursuant to section 120.569(2)(1), Florida Statutes, now issues its Final Order.

APPEARANCE

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ISSUE

Whether Petitioner, John R. Blum, violated the re-employment provisions set forth in section 121.091(13)(c) 5.d., Florida Statutes (2013), and, therefore, must repay his Deferred Retirement Option Program distribution and subsequent monthly retirement benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the Findings of Fact set forth in the Recommended Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the Conclusions of Law set forth in the Recommended Order.

Based upon the foregoing it is,

ORDERED and DIRECTED that the Petitioner, John R. Blum violated the reemployment provisions of section 121.091(13)(c)5.d., Florida Statutes, and therefore shall repay retirement payments in the amount of \$227,755.51 to the Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

DONE AND ORDERED this 15th day of October

Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Unless expressly waived by a party such as in a stipulation or in other similar forms of settlement, any party substantially affected by this final order may seek judicial review by filing an original Notice of Appeal with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Management Services, and a copy, accompanied by filing fees prescribed by law, with the Clerk of the appropriate District Court of Appeal. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of rendition of this order, in accordance with Rule 9.110, Fla.R.App.P., and section 120.68, Florida Statutes.

Certificate of Clerk:

Filed in the office of the Clerk of the Department of Management Services On this 15th day of october, 2014.

Agency Clerk