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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING, BUREAU
OF COMPLIANCE AND LICENSING

v.

Docket No. 11 0174 (ENF-CO)

INVESTMENT AUTO SALES

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Banking ("Department"), Bureau of Compliance and Licensing ("Bureau"), has reviewed the business practices of Investment Auto Sales, and its officers, employees and directors. Based on the results of its review, the Bureau concludes that Investment Auto Sales operated in violation of 69 P.S. § 601 et seq., the Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act. The parties to the above-captioned matter, in lieu of litigation, hereby stipulate that the following statements are true and correct in the settlement of the above-captioned matter and, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order ("Order").

BACKGROUND

1. The Department is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's administrative agency authorized and empowered to administer and enforce the Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act ("MVSFA").

2. The Bureau is primarily responsible for administering and enforcing the MVSFA for the Department.

3. Investment Auto Sales is a Pennsylvania Business Corporation located at 1130 East Orthodox Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124.

Unlicensed Period

4. The MVSFSA requires anyone engaging in the business of an installment seller of motor vehicles under installment sales contracts to be licensed by the Department. 69 P.S. § 604.

5. The Department licensed Chris Barbadoro and Mel Block d/b/a Investment Auto Sales as an Installment Seller, license no. 18748 through September 30, 2011.

6. The MVSFSA requires installment sellers to submit a yearly renewal license application to the Department at least fifteen (15) days prior to October 1 of each year. 69 P.S. § 605.

7. Investment Auto Sales failed to timely submit a license renewal application for license no. 18748 and the Department cancelled license no. 18748 on October 1, 2011. 69 P.S. § 605, 69 P.S. § 607D.

8. On October 18, 2011, Investment Auto Sales submitted a new application ("New Application") for an installment seller license.

9. Investment Auto Sales attached paperwork for one (1) installment contract to its New Application.

10. Investment Auto Sales was not licensed to enter into installment contracts when it entered into the installment contract between October 1, 2011 and October 17, 2011.

11. Upon receiving and reviewing Investment Auto Sales' New Application, the Department granted Investment Auto Sales a new installment seller license, license no. 36008.

12. Because the Department cancelled license no. 18748, the MVSFSA prohibited Investment Auto Sales from engaging in the "business of an installment seller of motor vehicles

under installment sales contracts” without first obtaining an installment seller license from the Department. 69 P.S. § 604(1).

Authority of the Department

13. The MVSFA grants the Department the authority to issue orders as may be necessary for the enforcement of the MVSFA. 69 P.S. § 637.1.

14. Section 610(A)(2) of the MVSFA states that the Department may revoke or suspend any license where “[t]he licensee has violated any provision of this act.” 69 P.S. § 610(A)(2).

15. Section 637(D) of the MVSFA provides that “[a]ny person required to be licensed under this act that violates this act or directs a violation or who engages in any activity for which a license could be suspended or revoked under section 10 shall be subject to a civil penalty levied by the department of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each offense.” 69 P.S. § 637(D).

VIOLATION

16. Investment Auto Sales is in violation of Section 604(1) of the MVSFA by engaging in the business of an installment seller while unlicensed. 69 P.S. § 604(1).

RELIEF

17. Fine. Investment Auto Sales agrees to pay a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) which shall be due and payable to the Department within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this Order as defined in paragraph 25. The fine payment shall be remitted by certified check or money order made payable to the “Department of Banking” and sent to the attention of Bureau of Compliance and Licensing, 17 N. 2nd Street, Suite 1300, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

18. Corrective Measures. Upon the Effective Date of the Order, Investment Auto Sales shall not engage in the business of installment sales if at any time it should become unlicensed.

FURTHER PROVISIONS

19. Consent. Investment Auto Sales hereby knowingly, willingly, voluntarily and irrevocably consents to the entry of this Order pursuant to the Bureau's order authority under the MVSFSA and agrees that it understands all of the terms and conditions contained herein. Investment Auto Sales, by voluntarily entering into this Order, waives any right to a hearing or appeal concerning the terms, conditions and/or penalties set forth in this Order.

20. Publication and Release. Investment Auto Sales consents to the publication and release of this Order.

21. Consumer Rights. This Order shall not limit or impair a consumer's rights under the MVSFSA. 69 P.S. § 635.

22. Entire Agreement. This Order contains the whole agreement between the parties. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements, conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever concerning this Order. This Order may be amended in writing by mutual agreement by the Bureau and Investment Auto Sales.

23. Binding Nature. The Department, Investment Auto Sales, and all officers, owners, directors, employees, heirs and assigns of Investment Auto Sales intend to be and are legally bound by the terms of this Order.

24. Counsel. This Order is entered into by the parties upon full opportunity for legal advice from legal counsel.

25. Effectiveness. Investment Auto Sales hereby stipulates and agrees that the Order shall become effective on the date that the Bureau executes the Order (the "Effective Date").

26. Other Enforcement Action.

a. The Department reserves all of its rights, duties, and authority to enforce all statutes, rules and regulations under its jurisdiction against Investment Auto Sales in the future regarding all matters not resolved by this Order.

b. Investment Auto Sales acknowledges and agrees that this Order is only binding upon the Department and not any other local, state or federal agency, department or office regarding matters within this Order.

27. Authorization. The parties below are authorized to execute this Order and legally bind their respective parties.

28. Counterparts. This Order may be executed in separate counterparts, by facsimile, and by PDF.

29. Titles. The titles used to identify the paragraphs of this document are for the convenience of reference only and do not control the interpretation of this document.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, including the recital paragraphs, the Department and Investment Auto Sales intending to be legally bound do hereby execute this Consent Agreement and Order.

**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING
BUREAU OF COMPLIANCE AND LICENSING**

Robert Knaub, Administrator
Bureau of Compliance and Licensing
Department of Banking

Date: 11/7/11

FOR INVESTMENT AUTO SALES

(Officer Signature)

(Print Officer Name)

owner (partner)
(Title)

Date: 10/31/2011