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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND SECURITIES, COMPLIANCE OFFICE

V.

EMMA AUTOTAGS MULTISERVICE

Docket No. 17 OO28 (BNK-CAO)

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Banking and Securities ("Department"), Compliance Office ("Office"), has reviewed the business practices of Emma Autotags Multiservice ("Emma Autotags"), and its officers, employees and directors. Based on the results of its review, the Office concludes that Emma Autotags operated in violation of the Check Casher Licensing Act ("CCLA"), 63 P.S. § 2301 et seq. 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 CCLA.
- 2. The Office is primarily responsible for administering and enforcing the CCLA for the Department.
- 3. Emma Autotags operates at 4261 Frankford Ave Main Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19124.

Unlicensed Activity

- 4. The CCLA provides that "[n]o person or business entity shall engage in the business of cashing checks for a fee without first obtaining a license under this act for each fixed location or mobile unit." 63 P.S. § 2311(a).
- The Department licensed Emma Autotags as a check casher license no. 51404
 through December 31, 2016.
- Emma Autotags failed to timely submit a license renewal application by January 1.
 2017.
- 7. Emma Autotags cashed checks for a fee from January 1, 2017 to present when it was unlicensed.

Authority

- 8. Section 104 of the CCLA provides that the Department is authorized to issue orders that may be necessary for the administration and enforcement the act. See 63 P.S. § 2304(1).
- 9. The CCLA provides that any person who violates the CCLA "shall be subject to a civil penalty levied by the department of up to \$2,000 for each violation. The civil penalty shall specifically apply to licensed and unlicensed activity under this act." 63 P.S. § 2327.

RELIEF

10. Fine. Emma Autotags agrees to pay a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2000). The fine shall be paid in ten (10) monthly payments of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The first payment of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) is due within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of the Order as defined in paragraph 18 below. The remaining nine payments shall be due and payable every thirty (30) days thereafter until the fine is paid in full. The fine payments shall be remitted by certified check or money order made payable to the "Department of Banking and

Securities" and sent to the attention of: Department of Banking and Securities, Compliance Office, 17 N. 2nd Street, Suite 1300, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2290.

 Corrective Action. Emma Autotags shall not engage in the business of cashing checks for a fee unless Emma Autotags is licensed under the CCLA.

FURTHER PROVISIONS

- 12. <u>Consent</u>. Emma Autotags hereby knowingly, willingly, voluntarily and irrevocably consents to the entry of this Order pursuant to the Department's order authority under the CCLA and agrees that it understands all of the terms and conditions contained herein. Emma Autotags, 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.
- 13. <u>Publication</u>. The Department will publish this Order pursuant to its authority in Section 302.A.(5) of the Department of Banking and Securities Code. *See* 71 P.S. § 733-302.A.(5).
- 14. <u>Consumer Rights</u>. This Order shall not limit or impair a consumer's rights under the CCLA. See 63 P.S. § 2329.
- 15. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. 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 Office and Emma Autotags.
- 16. <u>Binding Nature</u>. The Office, Emma Autotags, and all officers, owners, directors, employees, heirs and assigns of Emma Autotags intend to be and are legally bound by the terms of this Order.
- 17. <u>Counsel</u>. This Order is entered into by the parties upon full opportunity for legal advice from legal counsel.

18. <u>Effectiveness</u>. Emma Autotags hereby stipulates and agrees that the Order shall become effective on the date that the Office executes the Order.

19. 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 Emma Autotags in the future regarding all matters not resolved by this Order.
- b. Emma Autotags 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.
- 20. <u>Authorization</u>. The parties below are authorized to execute this Order and legally bind their respective parties.
- 21. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Order may be executed in separate counterparts, by facsimile and by PDF.
- 22. <u>Titles</u>. 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 of Banking and Securities and Emma Autotags Multiservice intending to be legally bound do hereby execute this Consent Agreement and Order.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF
BANKING AND SECURITIES,
COMPLIANCE OFFICE

FOR EMMA AUTOTAGS MULTISERVICE

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