STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Before the Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services

In the matter of:

ACSO OF MICHIGAN, INC.
DBA ADVANCE AMERICA
DBA ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE

Enforcement Case No. 13-11801

License No. DP-0013153

Respondent.

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Issued and entered
on May 30 **20**14
By Rhonda J. Fossitt
Senior Deputy Director

ORDER ACCEPTING STIPULATION AND REQUIRING COMPLIANCE AND PAYMENT OF FINES

Based upon the Stipulation to Entry of Order and the files and records of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) in this matter, the Senior Deputy Director finds and concludes that:

1. Pursuant to Executive Order 2013-1, all authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation (Commissioner) have been transferred to the Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (Director).

2. The Senior Deputy Director has jurisdiction and authority to adopt and issue this Order Accepting Stipulation and Requiring Compliance and Payment of Fines in this proceeding pursuant to the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act of 1969 (APA), as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq*., and the Deferred Presentment Service Transactions Act (Act), 2005 PA 244, MCL 487.2121 *et seq*.

3. All required notices have been issued in this case, and the notices and service thereof were appropriate and lawful in all respects.

4. Acceptance of the Stipulation to Entry of Order is reasonable and in the public interest.

5. All applicable provisions of the APA have been met.

6. Respondent violated Sections 33(2) of the Act, MCL 487.2153(2), 34(1)(b) of the Act, MCL 487.2154(1)(b), 34(7) of the Act, MCL 487.2154(7), and 34(8) of the Act, MCL 487.2154(8).

Now therefore, based upon the Stipulation to Entry of Order and the facts surrounding this case, **IT IS ORDERED THAT**:

A. Respondent shall comply with all terms agreed to in the Stipulation to Entry of Order.

B. Respondent shall pay to the State of Michigan, through DIFS, administrative and civil fines in the amount of $5,900.00. Respondent shall further pay the fines within 30 days of the invoice date as indicated on the DIFS invoice.

C. Respondent shall not engage in any violations of sections of the Act identified in paragraph 6 of this Order.

D. Respondent shall, on each business day, conduct checks of all deferred presentment service contracts to make certain that closed transactions are timely entered into the Veritec database, and all transactions, including repayment plans, are properly reported to the Veritec database, in compliance with the Act.

E. Respondent shall, on each business day, conduct a review of its deferred presentment service transactions to determine if the transactions have been reported to the Veritec database, by comparing its daily transactions to the transactions that have been reported to the Veritec database.

F. The Senior Deputy Director retains jurisdiction over the matters contained herein and has the authority to issue such further order(s) as shall be deemed just, necessary, and appropriate in accordance with the Act. Failure to abide by the terms and provisions of the Stipulation to Entry of Order and this Order may result in the commencement of additional proceedings.

Rhonda J. Fossitt
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STIPULATION TO ENTRY OF ORDER

ACSO of Michigan, Inc. dba Advance America dba Advance America, Cash Advance (Respondent) and the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) stipulate to the following:

1. On or about August 22, 2013, DIFS served Respondent with a Notice of Opportunity to Show Compliance (NOSC) alleging that Respondent violated provisions of the Deferred Presentment Service Transactions Act (Act), 2005 PA 244, MCL 487.2121 *et seq.*

2. The NOSC contained allegations that Respondent violated the Act, specifically Sections 33(2) of the Act, MCL 487.2153(2), 34(1)(b) of the Act, MCL 487.2154(1)(b), 34(7) of the Act, MCL 487.2154(7), and 34(8) of the Act, MCL 487.2154(8), and set forth the applicable laws and the penalties which apply.

3. Respondent exercised its right to an opportunity to show compliance pursuant to the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act (APA), MCL 24.201 *et seq.*

4. DIFS and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of resolving this matter and have agreed this matter may be resolved pursuant to the terms set forth below.

5. At all pertinent times, Respondent was licensed with DIFS as a deferred presentment service provider pursuant to the Act.

6. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the NOSC, and the parties have reviewed this matter and desire to avoid the time and expense of formal proceedings and have agreed to resolve this matter pursuant to this Stipulation to Entry of Order.

7. Respondent shall, on each business day, conduct checks of all deferred presentment service contracts to make certain that closed transactions are timely entered into the

Veritec database, and all transactions, including repayment plans, are properly reported to the Veritec database, in compliance with the Act.

8. Respondent shall, on each business day, conduct a review of its deferred presentment service transactions to determine if the transactions have been reported to the Veritec database, by comparing its daily transactions to the transactions that have been reported to the Veritec database.

9. Respondent agrees that it will pay to the State of Michigan, through DIFS, administrative and civil fines in the amount of $5,900.00. Respondent further agrees to pay the fine within 30 days of the invoice date as indicated on the DIFS invoice.

10. Both parties have complied with the procedural requirements of the APA and the Act.

11. Respondent understands and agrees that this Stipulation to Entry of Order will be presented to the Senior Deputy Director for approval.

12. The Senior Deputy Director may, in her sole discretion, decide to accept or reject the Stipulation to Entry of Order. If the Senior Deputy Director accepts the Stipulation to Entry of Order, Respondent waives the right to a hearing in this matter and consents to the entry of the Order Accepting Stipulation and Requiring Compliance and Payment of Fines. If the Senior Deputy Director does not accept the Stipulation to Entry of Order, Respondent waives any objection to the Director holding a formal administrative hearing and making her decision after such hearing.

13. Respondent has had an opportunity to review the Stipulation to Entry of Order and the proposed Order Accepting Stipulation and Requiring Compliance and Payment of Fines and have the same reviewed by legal counsel.

14. It is further stipulated that failure to comply with the Order of the Director accepting this settlement by failing to pay the administrative and civil fines as set forth above shall result in the commencement of an action to suspend (or to continue the suspension of) all licenses and registrations under the Act held by Respondent.

15. It is further stipulated that in recognition of the requirement that a licensee applicant must show that it has the financial responsibility, financial condition, business experience, character, and general fitness to reasonably warrant a belief that the applicant will conduct its business lawfully and fairly, and that in so making that determination the Director may review the competence, experience, integrity, and financial ability of any person who is a member, partner, executive officer, or a shareholder with 10% or more interest in the applicant, should the Respondent fail to comply with the Order of the Director accepting this settlement by failing to pay the administrative and civil fines as set forth above, such failure will be taken as evidence of a lack of financial responsibility, competence, integrity, financial ability, character and/or general fitness and result in the denial of any license or registration renewal and the denial of future applications for any licensure or registration of both Respondent and its owners until compliance is shown with the terms of this Stipulation and the Director's Order.

16. It is further stipulated that the amount of administrative and civil fines has been negotiated in return for the avoidance of further proceedings and certain promises and conditions, one of which is the timely payment of said administrative and civil fines. Should Respondent fail to pay the administrative and civil fines in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation and the Director's Order, the parties agree that an action will commence to determine if the Respondent has, in fact, failed to pay, and, if so, Respondent agrees that the administrative and civil fines will immediately increase to the maximum amount allowed under the Act and shall be immediately due in full.

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By: JAMES A OVENDEN
Its: EVP & CFO

5-27-14
Dated

DIFS Staff approves this Stipulation to Entry of Order and recommend that the Director issue an Order Accepting Stipulation and Requiring Compliance and Payment of Fines.

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

By: William R. Peattie (P48004)
Staff Attorney

5/29/14
Dated