

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Before the Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services

In the matter of:

Approved Cash Advance Corp. dba Approved Cash
License No. DP-0016861

Enforcement Case No. 20-16217

Respondent.
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Issued and entered
On January 8, 2021
by Judith A. Weaver
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), the Senior Deputy Director finds and concludes that:

1. 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 (APA), as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, and the Deferred Presentment Service Transactions Act (Act), 2005 PA 244, MCL 487.2121 *et seq.*
2. All required notices have been issued in this case and the notices and service thereof were appropriate and lawful in all respects.
3. Acceptance of the Stipulation to Entry of Order is reasonable and in the public interest.
4. All applicable provisions of the APA have been met.
5. Respondent violated Sections 21, 34(8), and 35(5) and (7) of the Act, MCL 487.2141, 487.2154(8), and 487.2155(5) and (7).

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 \$17,000.00. Respondent shall pay the fine by the invoice due date.

- C. 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.



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STIPULATION TO ENTRY OF ORDER

Approved Cash Advance Corp. dba Approved Cash (Respondent) stipulates to the following:

1. On or about December 2, 2020, the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) served Respondent with a Notice of Opportunity to Show Compliance (NOSC) alleging that Respondent had 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 Sections 21, 34(8), and 35(5) and (7) of the Act, MCL 487.2141, 487.2154(8), and 487.2155(5) and (7), and set forth the applicable laws and the penalties which apply. Additionally, the NOSC contained allegations that Respondent failed to respond to requests for documentation during an examination.
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 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 transactions provider pursuant to the Act.
6. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the NOSC and desires to avoid the time and expense of formal proceedings and agrees to resolve this matter pursuant to this Stipulation to Entry of Order.
7. Respondent agrees that it will pay to the State of Michigan, through DIFS, administrative and civil fines in the amount of \$17,000.00. Respondent further agrees to pay the fine by the invoice due date.
8. Respondent agrees, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Stipulation to Entry of Order, to provide additional responses and documentation to cure outstanding examination deficiencies, as first requested in DIFS' follow-up to Respondent's examination reply, on December 9, 2019.
9. Respondent agrees to designate transactions as closed in the Veritec database no later than 11:59 p.m. on the day the transaction is closed, pursuant to Section 34(8) of the Act, MCL 487.2154(8).

10. Respondent agrees to deposit checks on the transaction maturity date in accordance with Sections 35(5) and 35(7) of the Act, MCL 487.2155(5) and 487.2155(7).
11. Respondent agrees to maintain accurate records, inclusive of supporting documentation.
12. Both parties have complied with the procedural requirements of the APA and the Act.
13. Respondent understands and agrees that this Stipulation to Entry of Order will be presented to the Senior Deputy Director for approval.
14. 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 a decision after such hearing.
15. 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.
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 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.



On behalf of Approved Cash Advance Corp. dba Approved Cash

1-7-21
Dated

MIKE BRANDON CFO
Print Name and Title

DIFS Staff approve 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: David M. Toy (P73000)
Staff Attorney

1/7/2021
Dated