



State of Missouri

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION**

IN RE:

STEVEN DOUGLAS CREWSE,

Renewal Applicant.

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Case No. 170916375C

ORDER REFUSING TO RENEW
BAIL BOND AGENT LICENSE

On September 20, 2017, the Consumer Affairs Division ("Division") submitted a Petition to the Director alleging cause for refusing to renew Steven Douglas Crewse's bail bond agent license. After reviewing the Petition, the Investigative Report, and the entirety of the file, the Director issues the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steven Douglas Crewse ("Crewse") is a Missouri resident with a residential address of 1445 Private Road 6385, West Plains, Missouri 65775 and a business address of 1205 Missouri Avenue, West Plains, Missouri 65775.
2. The Director of the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration (the "Director" of the "Department") first issued Crewse a bail bond agent license (License #0355541) on September 22, 2005. That license is set to expire on September 22, 2017.
3. On November 23, 2016, a special investigator with the Department's Consumer Affairs Division ("Division") mailed Crewse an inquiry letter asking Crewse for a "detailed letter of explanation regarding how you are in compliance with Missouri Supreme Court Rule 33.17."
4. On December 16, 2016, the Division received Crewse's written response in which he explains, *inter alia*: "I have been employed by the State of Missouri as a member of a highway crew since, I believe, 2004."
5. On September 11, 2016, the Department received a "Missouri Uniform Renewal Application for Bail Bond or Surety Recovery License" ("Renewal Application") from Crewse.

6. Section 374.710.1 RSMo (Supp. 2013)¹ provides:
According to the Missouri Accountability Portal,² Crewse is currently employed as a senior maintenance worker for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. Section 374.710.1 RSMo (Supp. 2013)³ provides:

Except as otherwise provided in sections 374.695 to 374.775, no person or other entity shall practice as a bail bond agent or general bail bond agent, as defined in section 374.700, in Missouri unless and until the department has issued to him or her a license, to be renewed every two years as hereinafter provided, to practice as a bail bond agent or general bail bond agent.

8. Section 374.715.1 RSMo provides, in relevant part:

Applications for examination and licensure as a bail bond agent or general bail bond agent shall be in writing and on forms prescribed and furnished by the department, and shall contain such information as the department requires. Each application shall be accompanied by proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant is a citizen of the United States, is at least twenty-one years of age, has a high school diploma or general education development certificate (GED), is of good moral character, and meets the qualifications for surety on bail bonds as provided by supreme court rule[.]

(Emphasis added.)

9. Section 374.730 provides, in relevant part:

All licenses issued to bail bond agents and general bail bond agents under the provisions of sections 374.700 to 374.775 shall be renewed biennially, which renewal shall be in the form and manner prescribed by the department and shall be accompanied by the renewal fee set by the department.

¹ All civil statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (2000) as updated by the 2013 Supplement unless otherwise indicated.

² Employees, Missouri Accountability Portal, <https://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov/MAP/Employees/> (last visited Sept. 20, 2017).

³ All civil statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (2000) as updated by the 2013 Supplement unless otherwise indicated.

10. Missouri Supreme Court Rule 33.17, regarding "Misdemeanors or Felonies – Bonds – Surety, Individual – Qualifications" provides, in relevant part:

A person shall not be accepted as a surety on any bail bond unless the person:

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(e) Is not an elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or any county or other political subdivision thereof, except that this disqualification shall not apply if the principal is the spouse, child or family member of the surety[.]

11. Crewse is disqualified for licensure as a bail bond agent because he fails to meet the required qualifications for a surety as set forth in Missouri Supreme Court Rule 33.17(e). By his own admission, Crewse is an employee of the State of Missouri.
12. Because Crewse fails to meet the qualifications of a surety as set forth in Missouri Supreme Court Rule 33.17(e), as required by § 374.715.1, the Director has no discretion and therefore must refuse to renew Crewse's bail bond agent license.
13. This Order is in accordance with the law and in the public interest.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the bail bond agent license renewal application of Steven Douglas Crewse is hereby **REFUSED**.

SO ORDERED.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.



Chlora Lindley Myers
CHLORA LINDLEY-MYERS
DIRECTOR

NOTICE

TO: Applicant and any unnamed persons aggrieved by this Order:

You may request a hearing in this matter. You may do so by filing a complaint with the Administrative Hearing Commission of Missouri, P.O. Box 1557, Jefferson City, Missouri, within 30 days after the mailing of this notice pursuant to Section 621.120, RSMo. Pursuant to 1 CSR 15-3.290, unless you send your complaint by registered or certified mail, it will not be considered filed until the Administrative Hearing Commission receives it.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of September, 2017, a copy of the foregoing Order and Notice was served upon Steven Douglas Crewse by United Parcel Service, signature required, at the following addresses:

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