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Agent license revoked for selling phony policies

Salem, Oregon – The Department of Consumer and Business Services revoked the license of a Seattle-area insurance agent who collected more than \$135,225 worth of premiums from dental specialists in Oregon but did not actually provide the insurance.

From late 2001 through May 2009, Brenda L. MacLaren-Beattie convinced 18 oral and maxillofacial surgeons in Oregon to buy business insurance from her. The policies would have protected buyers from such things as theft or a client's fall on their property. However, while the agent collected premiums on dozens of policies, she was not appointed to represent the insurers she said she represented, and she never purchased insurance. She did, however, bill the victim business owners.

“If you buy insurance and do not receive an actual policy soon afterward, you should check to see if you have legitimate coverage,” said Teresa Miller, administrator of the department's Insurance Division. “Contact the insurance company, and if you have problems, call the Insurance Division for help.”

As part of the June 29 order against her, MacLaren-Beattie agreed never to seek an insurance license in Oregon or work in the industry. The order is at:

http://insurance.oregon.gov/admin_actions/actions_2010/producer_2010/10-06-001.pdf

Washington insurance regulators ordered MacLaren-Beattie to stop selling insurance in September 2009, as a result of similar violations in that state.

Consumers and business owners can contact the Insurance Division at 1-888-877-4894 or go to www.insurance.oregon.gov.

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