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### SSB Docket No. 99-037

IN THE MATTER OF  
AMERICAN BENEFITS SERVICES, INC. §  
AND R. RAY LEVY §

Order No. CDO/FIN-1366

TO: American Benefits Services, Inc.  
R. Ray Levy, President  
25400 U.S. 19 North, Suite 113  
Clearwater, Florida 33763

R. Ray Levy  
25400 U.S. 19 North, Suite 113  
Clearwater, Florida 33763

### CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Be it remembered that American Benefits Services, Inc. ("Respondent ABS"), by and through its President, R. Ray Levy, and R. Ray Levy individually ("Respondent Levy") (collectively "Respondents"), appeared before the Securities Commissioner of the State of Texas ("Securities Commission") and consented to the entry of this Order without admitting or denying the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law contained herein.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondents have waived (a) Respondents' right to notice and hearing in this matter; (b) Respondents' right to appear and present evidence in this matter; (c) Respondents' right to appeal this Order; and (d) all other procedural rights granted to Respondents by The Securities Act, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 581-1 et seq. (Vernon 1964& Supp. 1999) ("Texas Securities Act"), and the Administrative Procedure Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 2001.001 et seq. (Vernon Supp. 1999) ("Administrative Procedure Act").
2. Respondent ABS is a Florida Corporation whose principal office is located at 25400 U.S. 19 North, Suite 113, Clearwater, Florida 33763.

3. Respondent Levy is the President and sole shareholder of ABS.
4. Respondents have engaged in the offer for sale and sale of securities, as defined by Section 4.A of the Texas Securities Act, in the form of investment contracts and evidences of indebtedness, offering a 9.86% return annually and 15% simple interest if viaticated policies fail to mature at 36 months, to investors at a time when said securities were not registered with the Securities Commissioner pursuant to Section 7 of The Texas Securities Act.
5. Respondents have acted as dealers in the offer for sale and sale of the above-described securities at a time when Respondents were not registered with the Securities Commissioner as required by Section 12 of the Texas Securities Act.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. A basis for the issuance of a cease and desist order exists pursuant to Section 23.A of The Texas Securities Act.
2. The foregoing violations constitute bases for the issuance of an order pursuant to 23-1 of the Texas Securities Act.

ORDER

1. It is therefore ORDERED that Respondents CEASE AND DESIST from the offer and sale of the above-described investment contracts and evidences of indebtedness until such securities are registered or an available exemption is utilized.
2. It is further ORDERED that Respondents CEASE AND DESIST from dealing in the above-described securities until Respondents are registered or an available exemption is utilized.
3. It is further ORDERED that pursuant to 23-1 of the Texas Securities Act Respondents shall pay the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). Payment shall be made by delivery of a cashier's check to the Securities Commissioner in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), payable to the State of Texas, contemporaneously with the delivery of this Order.

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the Securities Commissioner this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

  
DENISE VOIGT CRAWFORD  
Securities Commissioner

Respondents:

R. Ray Levy, Pres.  
American Benefits Services, Inc.  
R. Ray Levy, President

R. Ray Levy  
R. Ray Levy, Individually

Approved as to Form:

David Grauer  
David Grauer *by Kaylee Russell*  
Director  
Enforcement Division

Kaylee Russell  
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Attorney  
Enforcement Division

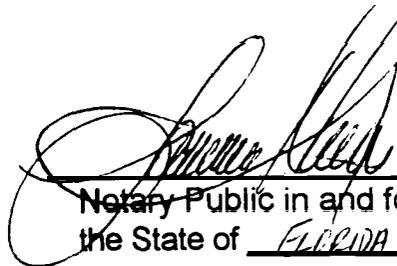
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 1999, American Benefits Services, Inc. ("Respondent ABS"), by and through R. Ray Levy, its President, personally appeared before me, executed the foregoing Order, and acknowledged that:

1. R. Ray Levy is duly authorized to enter into the foregoing Order on behalf of Respondent ABS;
2. R. Ray Levy has read the foregoing Order;
3. Respondent ABS has been fully advised of its rights under the Texas Securities Act and the Administrative Procedure Act;
4. Respondent ABS knowingly and voluntarily consents to the entry of the foregoing Order and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained therein without admitting or denying the same; and,
5. Respondent ABS, by consenting to the entry of the foregoing Order, has knowingly and voluntarily waived its rights as set forth therein.

**LAWRENCE NUNEZ**  
**Notary Public, State of Florida**  
**Commission No. CC 811937**  
**My Commission Expires 2/23/03**

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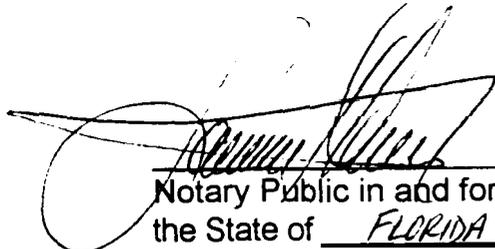
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 1999, R. Ray Levy ("Respondent Levy"), individually, personally appeared before me, executed the foregoing Order, and acknowledged that:

1. Respondent Levy has read the foregoing Order;
2. Respondent Levy has been fully advised of his rights under the Texas Securities Act and the Administrative Procedure Act;
3. Respondent Levy knowingly and voluntarily consents to the entry of the foregoing Order and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained therein without admitting or denying the same; and,
4. Respondent Levy, by consenting to the entry of the foregoing Order, has knowingly and voluntarily waived his rights as set forth therein.

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