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9	BEFORE THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD
10	DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2012-33
13	JONATHON DUSTIN STONE A C C U S A T I O N 15065 El Monte Road
14	Lakeside, CA 92040
15	Field Representative License No. FR 34995, Branch 3
16	Respondent.
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19	Complainant alleges:
20	PARTIES
21	1. William H. Douglas (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official
22	capacity as the Interim Registrar/Executive Officer of the Structural Pest Control Board,
23	Department of Pesticide Regulation.
24	2. On or about April 25, 2003, the Structural Pest Control Board issued Field
25	Representative License No. FR 34995, Branch 3, to Jonathon Dustin Stone (Respondent). The
26	Field Representative License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
27	brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2014, unless renewed.
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1	JURISDICTION	
2	3. This Accusation is brought before the Structural Pest Control Board (Board),	
3	Department of Pesticide Regulation, under the authority of the following laws. All section	
4	references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.	
5	4. Section 118 of the Code provides that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the	
6	Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a	
7	decision imposing discipline on the license.	
8	5. Section 8620 of the Business and Professions Code provides that the Board may	
9	suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the holder, while a licensee or applicant, has	
10	committed any acts or omissions constituting cause for disciplinary action or in lieu of a	
11	suspension may assess a civil penalty.	
12	6. Section 8625 of the Code states:	
13	The lapsing or suspension of a license or company registration by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender	
14	of a license or company registration shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such	
15	licensee or company, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license or	
16	registration.	
17	STATUTORY PROVISIONS	
18	7. Section 482 of the Code states:	
19	Each board under the provisions of this code shall develop criteria to evaluate the rehabilitation of a person when:	
20	(a) Considering the denial of a license by the board under Section 480; or	
21	(b) Considering the suspension or revocation of a license under Section 490.	
22	Each board shall take into account all competent evidence of rehabilitation furnished by the applicant or licensee.	
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8. Section 490 of the Code states:

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(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.

(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

(d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the application of this section has been made unclear by the holding in Petropoulos v. Department of Real Estate (2006) 142 Cal.App.4th 554, and that the holding in that case has placed a significant number of statutes and regulations in question, resulting in potential harm to the consumers of California from licensees who have been convicted of crimes. Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that this section establishes an independent basis for a board to impose discipline upon a licensee, and that the amendments to this section made by Senate Bill 797 of the 2007-08 Regular Session do not constitute a change to, but rather are declaratory of, existing law.

9. Section 493 of the Code states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, functions, and duties of the licensee in question.

As used in this section, "license" includes "certificate," "permit," "authority," and "registration."

10. Section 8649 of the Code states:

Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a structural pest control operator, field representative, applicator, or registered company is a ground for disciplinary action. The certified record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

11. Section 8654 of the Code states:

Any individual who has been denied a license for any of the reasons specified in Section 8568, or who has had his or her license revoked, or whose license is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a member, officer, director, associate, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a company registration has been denied for any of the reasons specified in Section 8568, or whose company registration has been revoked as a result of disciplinary action, or whose company registration is under suspension, and while acting as such member, officer, director, associate, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee had knowledge of or participated in any of the prohibited acts for which the license or registration was denied, suspended or revoked, shall be prohibited from serving as an officer, director, associate, partner, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee of a registered company, and the employment, election or association of such person by a registered company is a ground for disciplinary action.

Section 8655 of the Code states: 12

A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a structural pest control operator, field representative, applicator, or registered company is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article or Section 8568 of this chapter. The board may order the license or registration suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the individual or registered company to withdraw a plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment.

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California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1937.1 states: 13.

For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license or company registration pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registered company under Chapter 14 of Division 3 of the code if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of such licensee or registered company to perform the functions authorized by the license or company registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. Such crimes or acts shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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1	(a) Any violation of the provisions of Chapter 14 of Division 3 of the code.
2	(b) Commission of any of the following in connection with the practice of structural pest control:
3	(1) Fiscal dishonesty
4	(2) Fraud
5	(3) Theft
6	(4) Violations relating to the misuse of pesticides.
7	14. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1937.2 states:
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9	(b) When considering the suspension or revocation of a structural pest control
10 11	license or company registration on the grounds that the licensee or registered company has been convicted of a crime, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of such person or company and his or her or its present eligibility for a license or company registration will consider the following:
12	(1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).
12	(2) Total criminal record.
15	(3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s).
15 16	(4) Whether the licensee or registered company has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee or registered company.
17	(5) If applicable, evidence of expungement proceedings pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
18 19	(6) Evidence, if any of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee or registered company.
20 21	(c) When considering a petition for reinstatement of a structural pest control license or company registration, the board shall evaluate evidence of rehabilitation submitted by the petitioner, considering those criteria specified in subsection (b).
22	COST RECOVERY
23	15. Section 125.3 of the Code provides that a Board may request the administrative law
24	judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to
25	pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.
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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 2 (June 30, 2011 Criminal Conviction for Grand Theft From Employer Over \$950) Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 490 and 8649 in that 3 16. Respondent was convicted of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, 4 5 and duties of an field representative. The circumstances are as follows: On June 30, 2011, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of* 6 17. California v. Jonathan D. Stone, in the San Diego Superior Court, Central Division, in Case 7 8 Number CN255341, Respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty of violating Penal Code 9 section 487(B)(3) (grand theft from employer, over \$950), a felony. The circumstances that led to the conviction are that on March 15, 2011, San Diego 10 18. Police Department officers were dispatched to Terminix, located at 5458 Complex Street, San 11 12 Diego, CA 92123, regarding a theft. 13 19. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the branch manager of Terminix, who told 14 officers that Respondent, while employed by Terminix as a salesperson, was given a check by a 15 customer, K.D., in the amount of \$13,966 for services provided by Terminix, and that Respondent 16 never turned in the check or cash to Terminix. The branch manager told officers that Respondent 17 convinced the customer to make out the check in Respondent's name. 18 20. The branch manager for Terminix became aware of Respondent's theft on 19 February 25, 2011, but waited to gather evidence before confronting Respondent. On March 25, 20 2011, the branch manager confronted Respondent about the \$13,996 check and Respondent 21 admitted to cashing the check and keeping the money. Respondent told the branch manager that 22 he was not returning the money to Terminix. On March 25, 2011, Respondent was terminated 23 immediately from Terminix. The branch manager told investigators that Respondent had done 24 this once before where Respondent had a customer write a \$1,400 check to him rather than 25 Terminix. In the previous case, Respondent returned the money when the company found out and 26 Respondent was written up. 27 111 28

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1	18. As a result of the above plea, the Court ordered Respondent to appear on August 9,
2	2011, for a probation hearing and sentencing. On August 9, 2011, Respondent failed to appear
3	and a \$50,000 warrant was issued for his arrest.
4	PRAYER
5	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
6	and that following the hearing, the Structural Pest Control Board issue a decision:
7	1. Revoking or suspending Field Representative License No. FR 34995, Branch 3,
8	issued to Jonathon Dustin Stone;
9	2. Ordering Jonathon Dustin Stone to pay the Structural Pest Control Board the
10	reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and
11	Professions Code section 125.3;
12	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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14	DATED:
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