# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of Washington by:

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CONSENT ORDER

Order No.: S-18-2563-18-CO01

DetailXperts Franchise Systems LLC,

Respondent

Pursuant to the Franchise Investment Protection Act of Washington, RCW 19.100, the Securities Division and Respondent DetailXperts Franchise Systems LLC do hereby enter into this Consent Order in settlement of the matters alleged herein. Respondent DetailXperts Franchise Systems LLC neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law as stated below.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

#### Respondent

1. DetailXperts Franchise Systems LLC ("DetailXperts") is a Michigan Limited Liability Company formed on March 14, 2005 with its principal place of business in Chattanooga, Tennessee. DetailXperts offers franchises for the establishment and operation of a business that provides mobile vehicle wash, detailing, and related services.

### **Registration Status**

2. DetailXperts is not currently registered to sell its franchises in Washington State. There is no notification of exemption on file with Washington State.

# **Nature of the Offering**

3. DetailXperts had previously been registered to sell its franchises in Washington State from December 30, 2015 to December 30, 2017.

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- 4. On April 30, 2018, after DetailXperts's franchise registration lapsed, it submitted a new application for registration to Washington State.
- 5. During this registration process, in a letter dated August 31, 2018, DetailXperts disclosed to Washington State that it inadvertently sold an unregistered franchise on February 15, 2018 to a Washington State resident ("Franchisee"). DetailXperts asserted that it did not realize that its franchise registration had lapsed when it made the sale to Franchisee.
- 6. DetailXperts provided a copy of its Franchise Disclosure Document to the Franchisee prior to the sale of its franchise.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The offer or sale of franchises as described above constitutes the offer or sale of a franchise as defined in RCW 19.100.010(6), RCW 19.100.010(12), and RCW 19.100.010(17).
- 2. The offer or sale of said franchises was in violation of RCW 19.100.020 because no registration for such offer or sale is on file with the Washington Securities Administrator.

# **CONSENT ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing and finding it in the public interest:

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent DetailXperts Franchise Systems LLC, and its agents and employees shall each cease and desist from offering or selling franchises in violation of RCW 19.100.020, the registration section of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of the state of Washington.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent DetailXperts Franchise Systems LLC, shall be liable for and shall pay investigative costs of \$250 prior to the entry of this Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Order.

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FURTHER AGREED that Respondent DetailXperts Franchise Systems LLC, enters into this
er freely and voluntarily and with a full understanding of its terms and significance.
FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondent DetailXperts Franchise
C waives its right to a hearing and to judicial review of this matter.
<u>22nd</u> day of <u>December</u> , 2018
Franchise Systems LLC
el H. Williams ecutive Officer
SIGNED and ENTERED this 8th day of January, 2019
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