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	:	No. 11-I-548
IN THE MATTER OF	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
ERICH KARL LANG, M.D.	:	FOR ISSUANCE OF
<i>Applicant</i>	:	MEDICAL LICENSE
	:	WITH PUBLIC REPRIMAND
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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Erich Karl Lang, M.D., for issuance of a medical license.¹ While it appears that Dr. Lang is generally qualified for licensure, he made an error on his original application with the Board, when he failed to reveal that he had action taken against an application for a locum tenens license in the State of Alaska in 2002. While his locum tenens application was timely submitted to the Alaska Board, Dr. Lang failed to include an inactive license in the State of West Virginia in the list of states where he had maintained medical licenses. Subsequently, the Alaska Board agreed to provide a license to Dr. Lang under certain conditions. Due the fact that Dr. Lang's locum tenens opportunity had passed, Dr. Lang advised the Alaska Board that he was no longer interested in obtaining the license. The Alaska Board treated the refusal to accept a conditioned license as a withdrawal of his application. As such, it was reported to the National Practitioner's Databank that Dr. Lang had been refused a license. While such information would ordinarily implicate the Board's concern relative to the physician's honesty and truthfulness and may thereby provide a basis for the denial of medical licensure on several grounds, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285(A)(3) and (4), Dr. Lang has informed the Board that he had no intention to deceive the Board and that due to his understanding that the matter with the Alaska Board had been resolved favorably when he disputed the information that had been reported to the National Practitioner's Databank, he did not believe that there had been any adverse action against him. Dr. Lang has submitted a revised application to the Board fully explaining the actions taken by the Alaska Board. Dr. Lang is amenable to the issuance of a license with a public reprimand.

¹ Dr. Lang is a 1953 graduate of the University of Vienna in Austria. He trained in various locations in the United States and was first issued a license to practice medicine in this state in 1967, but his license expired on December 31, 2006. Dr. Lang currently holds a medical license in good standing in the state of Maryland.

In consideration of such information, with Dr. Lang's concurrence, the Board has concluded that the public interest will be properly protected and served by the issuance to Dr. Lang of a license to practice medicine, subject to his acceptance of and compliance with certain terms and conditions on such license. As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Lang hereby consents to entry of the Order set forth below and to issuance of medical licensure pursuant thereto.

Recognizing his right to have an administrative adjudication of any charges that may be alleged at which time Dr. Lang would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Lang, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Lang also acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §49:951, *et seq.*, or to which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto Dr. Lang also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Finally, Dr. Lang expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an Administrative Complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that a license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Karl Erich Lang, M.D., with a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND**, *however*, the issuance of such license, and Dr. Lang's continued exercise of the rights and privileges thereunder shall be conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance and compliance with the following terms and conditions:

- (1) **Payment of Fine.** Dr. Lang shall pay a fine of \$1,000 to the Board, which payment shall be made within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of this Order by the Board.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions set forth hereinabove shall be deemed adequate and/or sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the suspension and/or revocation of the medical license of Erich Karl Lang, M.D., or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

This Order was signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and became effective on the 19th day of March, 2012.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:


MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS, M.D.
President

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

STATE OF

Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF

Jefferson

I, Erich Karl Lang, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the
above and foregoing Order, this 7th day of March, 2011.

Erich Karl Lang, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Yayra Ramirez
Signature

Yayra Ramirez
Printed Name

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Sandra Barcenas
Signature

Sandra Barcenas
Printed Name

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Kenner, Louisiana, this 7th day of
March, 2012, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Dixie Ann Ramirez
Notary Public (signature)

DIXIE ANN RAMIREZ
Notary Public

Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana

Printed Name, Identification #37190

My Commission is issued for Life

