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No. 13-I-662

IN THE MATTER OF:

PATTY JOYCE WILSON, POLY
Applicant

**CONSENT ORDER FOR
ISSUANCE OF POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC
TECHNOLOGIST LICENSE WITH
OFFICIAL REPRIMAND**

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Patty Joyce Wilson, ("Ms. Wilson") for issuance of a polysomnographic technologist license. While it appears from information available as supplied by Ms. Wilson's application and otherwise that she is generally qualified for issuance of such license, as acknowledged by her in her application, she reported that she has worked as a polysomnographic technologist in this state without a permit or license.

On her own behalf, Ms. Wilson advised the Board that she has had certification by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologist ("BRPT") since December 2004, and has worked in Mississippi and Florida from 2005 to 2010, in states which do not require state licensure as a polysomnographic tech. When she began working in Louisiana, she was unaware of the licensure requirements and her employers thought that she had two (2) years in which to get licensed. When notified by others that licensure by the Board is required to practice as a polysomnographic tech, she immediately stopped practicing in Louisiana and began working in Mississippi. She has now acknowledged that her understanding was in error and has accepted her responsibility to understand and comply with all laws and regulations regarding licensure in this state.

As evidenced by her subscription to this Order Ms. Wilson acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and information could provide the Board with sufficient cause to deny her application pursuant to the Law respecting polysomnographic technologists.¹

¹La. Rev. Stat. §37:2867, 2870.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Director of Investigations ("I/O") for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Wilson is a conscientious and well-trained polysomnographic technologist, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that sufficient cause exists to charge Ms. Wilson with one or more violations of the Polysomnographic Practice Act ("the Law"), La. R.S. §§37:2870 and 37:2867A. (1).

Recognizing her right to have notice of such allegations and charges asserted against her, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time she would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her 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.*, Ms. Wilson, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Wilson further acknowledges and waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By her subscription hereto Ms. Wilson also hereby authorizes the I/O 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 she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Wilson expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the foregoing information, as well as the recommendation of the I/O, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:2863, will be effectively served by entry of the order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:2867 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Patty Joyce Wilson is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that licensure to practice as a polysomnographic technologist in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Patty Joyce Wilson.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within twelve (12) months of the date of this Order Ms. Wilson shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, which represents the permit fees during the past two (2) years, plus a penalty of an equal amount.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Ms. Wilson shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:2867.

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

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 19th day of August 2013.

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BY:



MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS, M.D.

President

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, PATTY JOYCE WILSON, POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST APPLICANT, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 16th day of July, 2013.

Patty Joyce Wilson
PATTY JOYCE WILSON

WITNESSES:

Darren Singleton
Signature

Darren Singleton
Printed Name

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at New Orleans, Louisiana this 16th day of July, 2013, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Thania S. Elliott
Notary Public (Signature) and Seal

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Notary (Printed Name) & Bar/Notary No.