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No. 14-I-449

IN THE MATTER OF:

STEPHEN THOMAS PRICE, Jr., PEF
Applicant

CONSENT ORDER FOR ISSUANCE OF PERFUSIONIST LICENSE

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of Stephen Thomas Price, Jr.'s application for licensure by the Board to practice as a perfusionist ("PEF") in this state. While it appears from information available as supplied by Mr. Price's application and otherwise that he is generally qualified for issuance of such license, as acknowledged by him in his application, he reported that he had previously worked as a sleep technologist in Louisiana without licensure as a polysomnographic technologist. In 2009, Mr. Price applied for a license as a polysomnographic technologist, but he never completed the application process. Although the Louisiana Polysomnographic Practice Act became effective in June 2005, and required all persons who practice polysomnography to be licensed, Mr. Price practiced polysomnography in Louisiana for eighteen (18) months without Board licensure.

On his own behalf, Mr. Price advised the Board that he thought he could practice polysomnography while his application was pending and that he was never notified by employers or others of this requirement. Nevertheless, he has now acknowledged that his understanding was in error and has accepted his responsibility to understand and comply with all laws and regulations regarding licensure in this state as a perfusionist and any other health care profession in which he may practice.

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order, Mr. Price acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and information could provide the Board with sufficient cause to deny his application pursuant to the Law respecting the practice of perfusion.¹

¹La. Rev. Stat. §37:1334, 1338, 1340.

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 Mr. Price is a conscientious and well-trained perfusionist, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that sufficient cause exists to charge Mr. Price with one or more violations of the Louisiana Perfusion Licensure Act (the "Law"), La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1331 *et seq.*

Recognizing his right to have notice of such allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time he 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.*, Mr. Price, nonetheless, hereby waives his 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. Mr. Price further acknowledges and waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto Mr. Price 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 he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Mr. Price 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 him 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. §37:1331, 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. §37:1338 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Stephen Thomas Price, Jr. is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that licensure for the practice of perfusion in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Stephen Thomas Price, Jr.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within four (4) months of the date of this Order Mr. Price shall pay the Board an administrative fine in the amount of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Mr. Price 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. §§37:1331 *et seq.*

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 21st day of July 2014.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
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BY: Mark H. Dawson
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF RAPIDES

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, STEPHEN THOMAS PRICE, JR., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the
above and foregoing Order, this 11 day of JUNE, 2014.


STEPHEN THOMAS PRICE, JR., PEF

WITNESSES


Signature

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Printed Name

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Signature

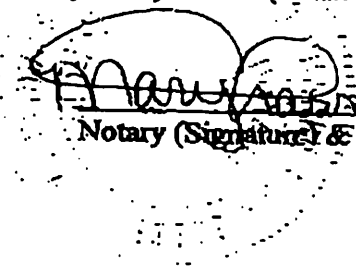
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Alexandria, Louisiana this
11 day of JUNE, 2014, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Mary Charrier
Notary Public (Printed Name) and Seal


Mary Charrier #60868
Notary (Signature) & Bar/Notary No.