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IN THE MATTER OF:

WILLIAM FREDERICK KORTUM, M.D.
(Certificate No. 027100)
Respondent

No. 15-I-880

**CONSENT ORDER
FOR REPRIMAND**

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following the receipt of information indicating that William F. Kortum, M.D. ("Dr. Kortum"), a physician who practices medicine in and around Lafayette, Louisiana, accessed prescription information from the Prescription Monitoring Program ("PMP") on an individual who was not his current patient on multiple occasions. During the investigation the Investigating Officer met with Dr. Kortum to discuss the investigation. Dr. Kortum has agreed to this Consent Order in order to avoid the time and expense of further administrative investigation and/or a hearing.

Without admitting any violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1261-1292 ("the Act"), Dr. Kortum nonetheless acknowledges that the reported information, if true, could establish grounds under the Act for such action against his license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may determine to be appropriate, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(13).¹ In consideration of the foregoing, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, 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.*, Dr. Kortum nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his

¹Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(13) the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of "unprofessional conduct." Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §40:1009, the Board may take action against the license of a physician for inappropriate use of PMP information.

subscription hereto, Dr. Kortum also acknowledges that he 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, Dr. Kortum 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. Dr. Kortum expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges 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);

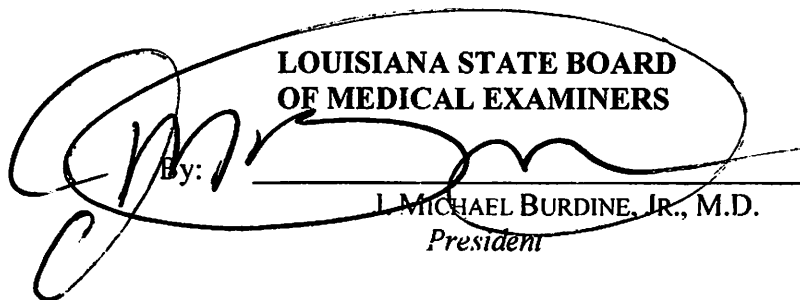
IT IS ORDERED that William F. Kortum, M.D. is hereby *Officially Reprimanded*;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Kortum shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of this Order by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms or conditions set forth by this Order by Dr. Kortum shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action against Dr. Kortum's license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violation 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.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 14th day of MARCH, 2016.


By: _____
L. MICHAEL BURDINE, JR., M.D.
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, WILLIAM F. KORTUM, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2016.



WILLIAM F. KORTUM, M.D.

WITNESSES:



Signature



Signature

Martina Crandall

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2016, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.



Notary Public (Signature/Seal)

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Notary Public (Printed Name) / Notary #
MY COMMISSION IS ISSUED FOR LIFE.
Notary ID Number: 51013