

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NUMBER: 02-A-004

IN THE MATTER OF:

**MICHAEL ERIC FREEBURGER, M.D.  
(CERTIFICATE NO. 10353R)**

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### OPINION

This matter comes before the Board, pursuant to an Administrative Complaint, charging Respondent, Michael Eric Freeburger, M. D., with two violations of the Medical Practice Act. The matter was heard before a panel consisting of Drs. James, Gage-White, LeBlanc, Ferdinand, Amusa, Bourgeois, and LaBorde, President.

Dr. Freeburger was neither present nor represented, but the record affirmatively shows the he was properly notified, and was aware of this proceeding at all stages. He has never responded to any correspondence or notices from the Board, including the first notice of intention to file an Administrative Complaint, which included a copy of the proposed Complaint, the notice of the acceptance of the Complaint by the Board, the notice of the Pre-Hearing Conference, and the notice of this hearing.

The record affirmatively shows that Dr. Freeburger entered into an Agreed Order of Surrender with the Kentucky State Board of Medical Licensure, dated February 16, 2000, whereby he surrendered his license for an indefinite period of time. He further agreed that he could not petition for reinstatement until he obtains a favorable written recommendation from the Medical Director of the Kentucky Impaired Physicians Program.

The record further reveals that, on September 7, 2001, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners entered into an Agreed Order, based on the above Kentucky Order, by virtue of which the Texas Board accepted the voluntary and permanent surrender of Respondent's license to practice medicine in that state. The order stipulates that the license will not be returned until the Board determines that the Respondent is competent to resume practice.

Freeburger, August 2002

As a result of the foregoing facts, Dr. Freeburger is charged with violation of R. S. 37:1285A (29), which authorizes this Board to take action against a physician whose license has been disciplined in another state; and R. S. 37:1285A(31), which authorizes the Board to take action against the license of a physician who has failed to self-report any personal action which constitutes a violation of the Medical Practice Act.

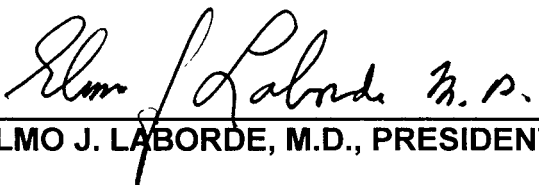
Dr. Freeburger is clearly guilty of the charges against him, which are fully documented in the record. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the following sanctions be imposed:

1. The license of Michael Eric Freeburger, M. D. to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, Certificate No.1353R, is hereby revoked and cancelled, effective immediately.

2. Respondent shall pay all costs of this proceeding.

LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2002.

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