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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINESR

NUMBER: 05-A-003

IN THE MATTER OF:

NARAYAN S. MADISETTI, M.D. (CERTIFICATE NO. 08123R)

OPINION AND RULING

This matter comes before the Board pursuant to an Administrative Complaint which charges Respondent Narayan S. Madisetti, M. D., with violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act. The case was heard before a panel of the Board consisting of Dr. Dawson, Ferdinand, Sheppard, Bourgeois, and Amusa, Vice-president, presiding.

The record reveals that Dr. Madisetti, a Board Certified Anesthesiologist, licensed in Louisiana, Maryland, Texas, and New York, was engaged in the practice of pain management in the State of Texas. As the result of an investigation of his practice by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Dr. Madisetti, charging him with inadequate record keeping, and non therapeutic prescribing to chronic pain patients. This complaint was resolved by an agreed order, which restricted Respondent's license for a period of five years, subject to a number of terms and conditions.

As a result of the action in Texas, the Maryland Board of Physicians, commenced an investigation. This investigation was resolved when Dr. Madisetti voluntarily surrendered his Maryland license, in a letter, which contained the following language:

MADASETTI, January 2006

"My decision to surrender my license to practice medicine in Maryland has been prompted by an investigation and charges by the Maryland Board of Physicians (the "Board") that I was disciplined by the Texas Board of Medical Examiners in an Agreed Order for inadequate documentation regarding chronic pain patients. . . . My decision to surrender my license to practice medicine has also been prompted by my decision to retire from the practice of medicine."

The investigation, and resulting Administrative Complaint in this state arise out of the actions taken in Texas and Maryland. In this Complaint, Respondent is charged with violation of R. S. 37:1285A(14) which proscribes continuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state; and violation of R. S. 37:1285A(29), which authorized the Board to take action against the license of a physician because of the refusal of a licensing authority in another state to issue or renew a license to practice medicine in that state, or the revocation, suspension, or other restriction placed on a license in that state, or the surrender of a license when administrative charges are pending or threatened against the licensee.

We find that there is no evidence in the record, beyond the limited stipulations in the Texas Agreed Order, to support the charge of recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing standards of practice in this state. We do not believe that this is sufficient to support that charge, and therefore find the Respondent not guilty.

It is, however, undisputed that Respondent has been disciplined in Texas, and has surrendered his license in Maryland in order to avoid an investigation and charges against him. This places him in direct violation of R. S. 37:1285A(29), and we find him guilty of that charge. In addition, we learn from documents submitted on behalf of Dr. Madisetti that he has, since the institution of this proceeding, also surrendered his license in Texas, stating that he is retiring from the practice of medicine because he "physically unable to satisfactorily continue in the practice of medicine."

Although he has retired, he has stated that he is physically unable to practice medicine, and advises the Board that he has no intention of returning to the State of Louisiana, he asks the Board to allow him to retain a full and unrestricted license in this state. We are unable to accede in this request.

Therefore, having found Respondent guilty of the second charge against him, we impose the following sanction:

The license of Narayan S. Madisetti, M. D., to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 08123R, is hereby **SUSPENDED** indefinitely, effective immediately. If Dr. Madisetti should decide to come out of retirement, he may apply for reinstatement of his license, but only upon a showing that he holds a current license to practice medicine in the States of Texas and Maryland. At that time, and upon such a showing, the Board may reinstate Dr, Madisetti's license, upon whatever terms and conditions it may deem appropriate.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 3/ day of January, 2006.

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KWELI J. AMUSA, VICE-PRESIDENT