

**BEFORE THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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| In the Matter Of: | : | No. 02-I-001 |
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| JOHN W. REEVES, M.D. | : | CONSENT ORDER |
| (Certificate No. 06231R) | : | <u>FOR REPRIMAND</u> |
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| <i>Respondent</i> | : | |
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In connection with an investigation of Dr. Reeves' application for renewal of staff privileges at Willis-Knighton Hospital, documents from the Department of Health and Hospitals of Louisiana, and Willis-Knighton were obtained and reviewed. In his application for staff privileges, Dr. Reeves had attached a document purporting to show that his license to prescribe a controlled dangerous substance (License No. 13658-09-06) bore an expiration date of November 1, 2001, when in fact it had expired on November 1, 1999 due to an inadvertent non-payment of the renewal fee. Dr. Reeves mistakenly noted on his 2001 and 2002 renewal applications to the Board that he had a valid Louisiana controlled substance license. Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer of the Board. His investigation indicates that Dr. Reeves' license has not heretofore been the subject of Board action, that the "falsified" controlled dangerous substance license in question was an isolated incident of Dr. Reeves' practice and that Dr. Reeves is a dedicated professional who realizes the seriousness of these matters and has already suffered personally and professionally as a result. As a result of the information gathered during the course of his investigation, the Investigating Officer has concluded Dr. Reeves suffered a one-time lapse in judgment, which he is confident will never reoccur.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Reeves acknowledges the accuracy of the foregoing information and that such information would provide the Investigating Officer with probable cause to initiate formal administrative proceedings against his license pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261-92.

Recognizing his right to have an administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Dr. Reeves 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. §§49:955-965, Dr. Reeves, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Reeves also acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §49:951, et seq., or to which he

otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Reeves also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto, as well as his legal counsel assisting him in connection herewith, 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. Reeves expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer or his legal counsel shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an Administrative Complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

On the basis of the information received and reviewed by the Board's Investigating Officer in this matter, and with Dr. Reeves' knowledge and consent, he is persuaded that, while the physician should maintain his license to practice medicine in this state, such should be officially reprimanded for his conduct. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Reeves acknowledges that an official reprimand of his license will not only bolster his commitment and resolve never again to allow his licensing status to be questioned, but will serve as a vivid reminder that more stringent disciplinary action will follow should such an event ever reoccur. Based upon the information provided, accordingly, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

IT IS ORDERED that the license of John W. Reeves, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 06231R be, and the same is hereby, OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Reeves' license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as well as his continuing exercise of the rights and privileges thereunder, shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:

- (a) **Payment of Fine:** Dr. Reeves shall pay a fine of \$1,000 within ninety (90) days of this Order.

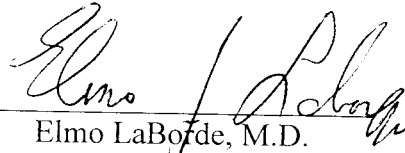
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Reeves shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Reeves' license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations 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.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 17th day of March, 2002.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:



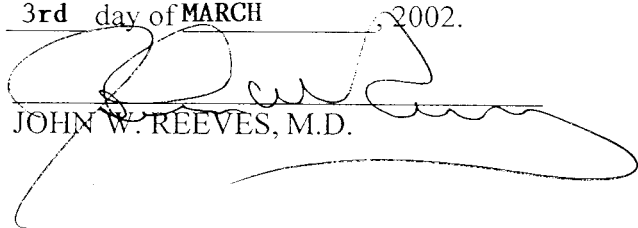
Elmo LaBorde, M.D.
President

STATE OF ~~LOUISIANA~~
~~PARISH OF~~ _____

SHELBY COUNTY
CENTER, TX 75935

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, JOHN W. REEVES, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 3rd day of MARCH, 2002.

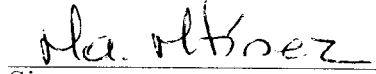

JOHN W. REEVES, M.D.

WITNESSES:


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Sworn to and subscribed before me at CENTER, ~~Louisiana~~, this 3RD day of MARCH, 2002, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public

