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In The Matter of :
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STEVEN BRUCE BILTON, CLP :
(Certificate No. 201493) :
Respondent :
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No. 10-I-263
INTERIM
CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") in connection with an ongoing investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Board of Steven Bruce Bilton, CLP, ("Mr. Bilton"), a clinical laboratory scientist-generalist who at all times pertinent has been licensed to practice clinical laboratory science in the state of Louisiana and principally engaged in such practice in and around Monroe, Louisiana.

Apparently reliable information to date indicates that Mr. Bilton was terminated from his employment at St. Francis Medical Center on March 26, 2010 after being suspended for suspected drug abuse and testing positive for alcohol and cocaine on a subsequent drug screen. This conduct raises the concern that Mr. Bilton is suffering from a condition which could affect his ability to practice as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

Predicated upon the information outlined above, the Investigating Officer has determined that reasonable cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Mr. Bilton, charging him with violation of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Practice Act¹, specifically, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326.A (2) which provides: "the Board may take action against the license of a clinical laboratory technician for demonstrating incompetence in the performance of the practice of clinical laboratory science."

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Mr. Bilton acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted, as well as the right to have evidence of such charges asserted during an administrative hearing at which time he will be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence 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.* While maintaining such rights Mr. Bilton, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of his license to

¹ La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326.A (2) provides: "the Board ...may deny, suspend, probate, restrict or revoke the issuance or renewal of a license or certificate...for demonstrating incompetence in the performance of the practice of clinical laboratory science."

practice as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By his subscription hereto, Mr. Bilton authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Mr. Bilton expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute the abovementioned charges and/or any additional administrative charges that may be filed in this matter or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:3011, La. Admin. C. §46:4921 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Steven Bruce Bilton, CLP, to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 201493, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Steven Bruce Bilton, CLP, shall not practice clinical laboratory science in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision reinstating his license to practice following: (1) receipt of satisfactory documentation that Mr. Bilton has undergone a recent evaluation (within sixty (60) days), at a facility approved by the Board, has successfully completed any recommended treatment, is in compliance with any recommendations for therapy or monitoring offered or prescribed, and his treating physicians have determined that he is capable of resuming practice with skill and safety to patients; and (2) a meeting at the Board office with the Director of Investigations; and (3) the conclusion of the pending investigation by administrative hearing and final decision of the Board on any charges that may be filed in these proceedings including, but not limited to, those identified in this Order; or alternatively, by the Board's acceptance of a Consent Order or other order or recommendation respecting disposition of the pending investigation.

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 Mr. Bilton shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Mr. Bilton's license to practice clinical laboratory science in the state of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:3011.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Interim Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

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New Orleans, Louisiana, this 20th day of Sept, 2010.

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By:

Mark H. Dawson
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

*Acknowledgment and Consent
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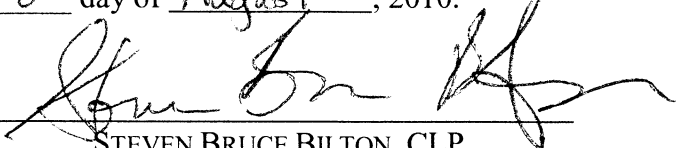
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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF Ouachita

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, STEVEN BRUCE BILTON, CLP, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 8th day of August, 2010.


STEVEN BRUCE BILTON, CLP

WITNESSES:

Evelyn N. Bilton
Signature

M. F. Bilton
Signature

Evelyn N. Bilton
Typed Name

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at West Monroe, Louisiana, this 8th day of August, 2010, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

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