

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



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In The Matter Of

No. 91-A-020

JILL RENE SMALL  
(CERTIFICATE NO. LP0455)

DECISION

*Respondent.*  
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This matter was heard by a hearing panel consisting of Elmo J. Laborde, M.D., President of the Board, and members of the Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee, which has presented its recommendations to the Board.

After a review of the record, and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the Board concurs in its findings as to the guilt of the Respondent, and adopts those findings as its own.

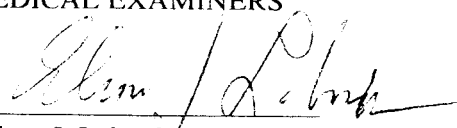
However, it is the opinion of the Board that the sanctions recommended by the Advisory Committee are not appropriate, considering the seriousness of the charges of which the Respondent has been found guilty.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the license of Jill Rene Small to practice as a Respiratory Therapy Technician, No. LP0455, be, and it is hereby, revoked and cancelled. No costs are assessed against Respondent.

Lafayette, Louisiana, this 9th day of January, 1992.

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By

  
Elmo J. Laborde, M.D.  
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(Small: Jan., 1992)

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RECOMMENDATION OF  
HEARING PANEL

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This matter came before a Hearing Panel consisting of Elmo J. Laborde, M.D., President of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, and members of the Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, on August 23, 1991.

PRESENT: Elmo J. Laborde, M.D.; A. Wayne Dixon, RRT; Dean B. Ellithorpe, M.D.; Sheila Guidry, CRRT; Henry A. Jackson, M.D.; Pat Ladner, RN; Terry Joseph Lirette, RTT; and, Judy Lea McCall, CRTT. Also present, Judge Frederick S. Ellis, legal counsel to the Board; Philip O. Bergeron, attorney for the Board; Jill Rene Small, Respondent; and Ernest Lee Caulfield, her attorney.

The matter is before the Panel on an Administrative Complaint charging that Respondent, in her application for the issuance of a Provisions Temporary Permit, authorizing her to practice as a Respiratory Therapy Technician, alleged that she graduated from Francis T. Nicholls High School in May, 1974, and presented a document purporting to be her high school diploma in support thereof.

It is further alleged that the allegation that she is a high school graduate is false, and that the copy of the diploma is fraudulent, and that Respondent therefore lacked an essential element necessary to her qualification to hold any license under the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act, R.S. 37:3351, et. seq.

She is charged with violating the above statute by failing to have the necessary qualifications, by misrepresenting her qualifications, and by presenting a false or fraudulent diploma in support of her application.

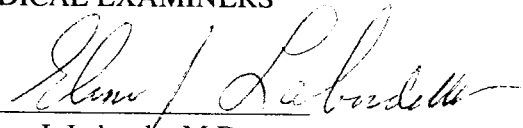
At the hearing, represented by counsel, Respondent admitted the above facts, and the violations resulting therefrom. She asks only that she be permitted to once again apply for a license when she meets fully the qualifications required by the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act.

The Hearing Panel recommends to the Board that Respondent be found guilty on both of the violations charged against her; that her Provisional Temporary Permit be suspended until such time as Respondent passes her GED tests; and that, if that event takes place prior to the expiration date of her Permit, May 2, 1992, that the Permit be reinstated until that time. It is further recommended that Respondent pay a fine of \$25.00 and that she pay no costs.

Lafayette, Louisiana, this 9th day of January, 1992.

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