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In the Matter of :
HAROLD JAMES WALL, M.D.:

FINAL
DECISION

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A formal hearing was convened before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") on January 27, 1984 to adjudicate alleged, specified violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act by Harold James Wall, M.D. ("Dr. Wall"), to-wit: having had his "[m]edical license, permit or certificate revoked, suspended or restricted by the licensing authority of another state," LSA-R.S. 37:1285(30); "[p]rofessional or medical incompetency," LSA-R.S. 37:1285(12); "[c]ontinuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state," LSA-R.S. 37:1285(14) and "[a]bandonment of a patient, " LSA-R.S. 37:1285(17).

Originally scheduled for October 27, 1983, the hearing was continued on motion of the physician's

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counsel, who advised that he had recently been retained by Dr. Wall, to allow opportunity for his review of the evidence pending before the Board. By written notice of November 14, 1983, the hearing was rescheduled for December 15, 1983, but was again continued upon Dr. Wall's motion. The hearing was ultimately renoticed for and convened on January 27, 1984. A quorum of the Board was present. Dr. Wall was present and was represented by legal counsel, Joe M. Inabnett, Esq., a member of the Bar of the State of Louisiana.

At the conclusion of the administrative hearing, Dr. Wall's counsel requested that the record of the proceeding be held open, for the purpose of allowing additional time for his submission of evidence pertaining to the status of Dr. Wall's medical license in the State of Texas. The Board acceded to such request and by correspondence of February 17, 1984, received two additional documents from the physician's counsel, which it accepted as part of the hearing record. No further or additional information other than the above-mentioned having been received or obtained by the Board, the record of the proceeding was then deemed to be closed.

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Upon consideration of the evidence presented, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:958, the Board renders the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision.

Findings of Fact

1.

On or about April 1 and April 29, 1980, an Accusation and Supplemental Accusation were respectively filed with the Board of Medical Quality Assurance for the State of California, charging Dr. Wall with unprofessional conduct consisting, in part, of gross negligence, incompetency and repeated similar negligent acts in discharging his duties as a physician, such accusations charging the violation of the California Business and Professionals Code, Sections 2360 and 2361(a)-(d).

2.

During the pendency of the above-mentioned charges, and lieu of formal administrative proceedings, on September 4, 1981, Dr. Wall surrendered his certificate to practice medicine in the State of California pursuant to written stipulations. In consideration for the surrender of his certificate, and Dr. Wall's

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written agreement to seek neither the renewal nor reinstatement of such certificate, it was stipulated that the charges made the basis of such Accusation and Supplemental Accusation would be dismissed by the Board of Medical Quality Assurance for the State of California.

3.

On September 14, 1981, the written stipulation by which Dr. Wall surrendered his certificate to practice medicine in the State of California was adopted and made effective by the Board of Medical Quality Assurance for the State of California.

4.

On January 21, 1982 the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Florida charged Dr. Wall with limitation of his license to practice medicine in the State of California. On February 28, 1983, subsequent to a formal administrative proceedings and hearing thereon, the Florida State Board of Medical Examiners suspended Dr. Wall's license to practice medicine in the State of Florida pending the physician's compliance with enumerated, specified terms and conditions.

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Conclusions of Law

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes, as a matter of law, that:

The medical certificate of Harold James Wall, M.D. has been revoked, suspended or otherwise restricted by the licensing authority of the State of California, precluding the physician's renewal or reinstatement of such certificate and preventing Dr. Wall's further practice of medicine in the State of California, and, therefore, just cause exists for action against his license as provided for by LSA-R.S. 37:1285(30).

Decision

Considering the foregoing;

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Harold James

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Wall, M.D. to practice medicine in the State of
Louisiana be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 23 day of May,
1984.

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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