

IN THE MATTER OF
ESTHER BILENKIS, DO

Applicant

* BEFORE THE MARYLAND
* STATE BOARD OF
* PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 2224-0064B

CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Based on information received regarding the Application for Initial Medical Licensure of Esther Bilenkis, D.O., (the “Applicant”), Disciplinary Panel B of the Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) has grounds to deny the application for initial medical licensure under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-101 et seq (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2019 Supp.) Prior to the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny Application for Initial Medical Licensure, the Applicant agrees to enter into this public Consent Order, which consists of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Consent.

Specifically, Disciplinary Panel B has grounds to deny the application for initial medical licensure pursuant to the following pertinent provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. §14-205. Miscellaneous powers and duties.

(b) Additional powers.

(3) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and the hearing provisions of §14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel may deny a license to an applicant ... for:

(i) Any of the reasons that are grounds for disciplinary action under §14-404 of this title[.]

Health Occ. §14-404. Denials, reprimands, suspensions and revocations – Grounds.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of §14-405 of the subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation or suspend or revoke the license if the licensee:

(21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United

States uniformed services or the Veterans' Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section[.]

Grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. §14-04(a)(21) include:

- (6) Abandons a patient;

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

1. On or about May 9, 2023, the Applicant submitted to the Maryland Board an Application for Initial Medical Licensure to practice medicine in Maryland.
2. In her Application for Initial Medical Licensure, the Applicant answered "yes" to the following character and fitness questions:

"2. Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services, or the Veterans Administration, ever taken action against your license? Such actions include, but are not limited to, limitations of practice, required education admonishment or reprimand, suspension, probation or revocation.

"3. Has any licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, ever filed any complaints against you or investigated you for any reason?

3. Based on the Applicant's affirmative response in this Application, the Maryland Board initiated an investigation of the Applicant, which revealed that on or about August 31, 2023, the Virginia Board of Medicine (the "Virginia Board") and the Applicant entered into a Consent Order wherein the Applicant was reprimanded for failing to properly terminate her practitioner/patient relationship and abandoned the patient.

4. The Virginia Board found in its August 31, 2023 Order that the Applicant failed to respond to Patient A's messages, did not provide Patient A with a prescription to continue the medication she had initially prescribed or with documented notice of termination that allowed Patient A a reasonable time to obtain the services of another practitioner; thereby abandoning the patient.

A copy of the Virginia Order is attached hereto.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Applicant was disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority for acts that, if committed in Maryland, would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. §14-404(a), in violation of §14-404(a)(21). The underlying grounds for action under Health Occ. §14-404(a)(21), if committed in Maryland, include the following provisions of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(6): Abandons a patient.

ORDER

It is, thus, by Disciplinary Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that the Application for Initial Medical Licensure of Esther Bilenkis, DO, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Esther Bilenkis, D.O., is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. See Health Occ. §1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. §4-333(b)(6).

01/22/2024
Date

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Esther Bilenkis, D.O., acknowledge that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§10-201 et seq. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

1/9/24
Date

Signature On File

Esther Bilenkis, D.O.

NOTARY

STATE OF Washington
CITY/COUNTY OF: DC

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9th day of January, 202⁴, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Esther Bilenkis, D.O., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Philip James Ingham
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 8/14/26

