IN THE MATTER OF

ERIK S. KASS, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D51250

\* BEFORE THE

\* MARYLAND STATE

\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

\* Case Number: 2015-0798B

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#### **CONSENT ORDER**

On or about March 31, 2015, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") received an *Application Form for Reinstatement of Medical Licensure* (the "Reinstatement Application") from **ERIK S. KASS, M.D.**, License Number D51250 (the "Respondent"). Based on its ensuing investigation of the Reinstatement Application, the Board determined that it had grounds to charge the Respondent under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II ("Health Occ. II") §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.).

Specifically, the Board determined that it had grounds to charge the Respondent with violating the following provision of the Act:

# § 14-601 Practicing without a license.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice medicine in this State unless licensed by the Board.

Prior to the issuance of charges, the Respondent agreed to enter into this public Consent Order consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

- 1. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland on or about October 2, 1996, under License Number D51250.
- 2. The Respondent allowed his Maryland medical license to expire on September 30, 2014, without applying for a renewal with the Board.
- 3. On or about March 31, 2015, the Board received the Reinstatement Application from the Respondent. In response to a question in the Reinstatement Application asking the reason the Respondent allowed his license to expire, he stated, "Inadvertent oversight I received a reminder notice from the Maryland medical board in the past but did not get one this time and forgot about the deadline for renewal."
- 4. Based on his disclosure in the Reinstatement Application, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent.
- 5. By letter, dated June 5, 2015, a Board investigator asked the Respondent to provide a detailed explanation of his work activities in Maryland since October 1, 2014. In a written response, dated June 16, 2015, the Respondent stated "I continued to practice medicine in the State of Maryland after my license expired on September 30, 2014, however, I was unaware of these circumstances until I was notified by one of my patients in December of 2014 of my license expiration."
- 6. The Respondent acknowledged that he treated patients in Maryland between October 2014 and May 2015, the time period during which his Maryland medical license was expired.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent practiced medicine in State of Maryland between October 2014 and May 2015 without being licensed by the Board, in violation of Health Occ. II § 14-601.

## <u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by a majority of the quorum of the Board considering this case:

ORDERED that within THIRTY (30) DAYS of the date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000). The fine shall be made by bank certified check or money order, payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians, P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

08/01/2016 Date

Christine A. Farrelly Executive Director

Maryland State Board of Physicians

#### CONSENT

I, Erik S. Kass, M.D., acknowledge that I had the opportunity to retain counsel but elected not to do so before entering into this Consent Order. By this Consent and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into 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 own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge these allegations. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed after any such hearing.

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

7/26/16

Erik S. Kass, M.D. The Respondent

STATE OF MARYL		
CITY/COUNTY OF	Carroll	

HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County personally appear Erik S. Kass, M.D., License Number D51250, and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notary seal.

Notary Public

My commission expires: \\28\2017

MEGAN L. GARDNER
Notary Public-Maryland
Carroll County
My Commission Expires
January 28, 2017