

IN THE MATTER OF

Alex Athan Gyftopoulos, M.D.

Applicant

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND

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STATE BOARD OF

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PHYSICIANS

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Case Number: 2225-0225

CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Based on information received regarding the Application for Initial Medical Licensure (the "Application") of Alex Athan Gyftopoulos, M.D., (the "Applicant") to practice medicine in Maryland, Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Maryland Board") has grounds to deny the Application under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-101 et seq. Prior to the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny Application for Initial Medical Licensure, the Applicant agreed to enter into, with the Maryland Board, this public Consent Order, which consists of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Consent.

Specifically, Panel A has grounds to deny the Application pursuant to the following 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:

(3)(ii) Is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;

(24)(i) Was subject to investigation or disciplinary action by a licensing or disciplinary authority or by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section and the licensee surrendered the license issued by the state or country to the state or country[.]

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A makes the following findings of fact:

1. On or about May 17, 2025, the Applicant filed with the Maryland Board an Application to practice medicine in Maryland.

2. The Application contained a series of character and fitness questions, to which the Applicant was required to answer “YES” or “NO.” The Applicant responded “YES” to the following character and fitness questions:

“4. Have you ever withdrawn your application for a medical license or other health professional license?

5. Has a hospital, related healthcare institution, HMO, or alternative health care system ever investigated you or ever brought charges against you?

15. Have you ever voluntarily resigned or terminated a contract with any hospital, HMO, other health care facility, health care provider, institution, armed services, or the Veterans Administration while under investigation by that institution for disciplinary reasons?”

3. The Application also contained a series of postgraduate training questions, to which the Applicant was required to answer “YES” or “NO.” The Applicant responded “YES” to the following postgraduate training questions:

“A. During your years of postgraduate training, did you have a break in training?

D. Did you ever start a postgraduate training, but not complete it?”

4. In response to his “Yes” answers, the Applicant provided the following written explanation:

- a. The Applicant, who held a 3-year temporary license during a medical residency at the University of Chicago, left the residency program in August 2015 after discovering that his then-wife had illegally obtained ketamine, which the Applicant had been injecting under the assumption it was legally prescribed. In response to the Applicant confronting her illicit use, his then-wife retaliated by reporting the Applicant to his residency program, claiming they were both using ketamine. The Applicant's use was disproven through urinalysis testing. The Chicago residency program launched an investigation, while the Applicant subsequently resigned due to the following "high-conflict divorce," resulting in the cancellation of his temporary license.
5. On or about June 5, 2025, the Board requested documentation from the Applicant to support the "Yes" answers on the Application.
6. On or about June 17, 2025, the Applicant submitted documentation that provides that:
 - a) On August 24, 2015, the Illinois State Medical Board (the "Illinois Board") issued a Notice of Intent to Deny, requesting the Applicant provide a response to a complaint regarding allegations that he has been "practicing beyond the scope of [his] temporary license" and "injecting [his then-wife] with ketamine obtained through the 'black market.'"
 - b) On July 18, 2016, the Illinois Board accepted the Applicant's withdrawal for an Illinois Medical license during an ongoing Illinois Board disciplinary investigation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the Applicant: is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(3)(ii); was subject to investigation or disciplinary action by a licensing or disciplinary

authority ... and the licensee surrendered the license issued by the state or country to the state or country, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(24)(i). *See* Health Occ. § 14-205(b)(3)(i).

ORDER

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

ORDERED that the Application of Alex Athan Gyftopoulos, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Applicant is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order goes into effect on the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Maryland Board or her designee, who signs on behalf of Panel A; 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).

08/27/2025
Date

Signature on file

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physician

CONSENT

I, Alex Athan Gyftopoulos, M.D., have chosen to proceed without legal counsel, and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without legal 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 have had a formal evidentiary hearing if the Maryland Board had issued charges concerning this matter, 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.

08/25/2025
Date

Signature on file

Alex Athan Gyftopoulos, M.D.
Applicant

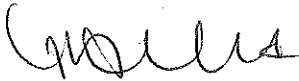
NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF: Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of August, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Alex Athan Gyftopoulos, M.D., 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.



Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6/12/27

