

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
DOMINICK LAGO, JR, M.D.	*	STATE BOARD OF
Respondent	*	PHYSICIANS
License Number: D95773	*	Case Number: 2224-0166B

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CONSENT ORDER

Based on an investigation conducted by the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”), Disciplinary Panel B of the Board has grounds to charge **DOMINICK LAGO, JR, M.D.**, (the “Respondent”), License Number D95773, with violating the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.).

Specifically, Disciplinary Panel B has grounds to charge the Respondent with violating the following provisions of Health Occ. § 14-404:

(a) *In general.* -- Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this 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 a license if the licensee:

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- (43) Except for the licensure process described under Subtitle 3A of this title, violates any provision of this title, any rule or regulation adopted by the Board, or any State or federal law pertaining to the practice of medicine [.]

The pertinent provision under Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(43) is:

§ 14-313.1. Licensure of Compact Physician.

- (a) Within 30 days after receiving a request from the Board, a compact physician shall provide to the Board verification, on a form provided by the Board, that the compact physician satisfies the requirements for licensure under this subtitle.

Prior to the issuance of a charging document, the Respondent agreed to enter into the following Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Disciplinary Panel B makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. The Respondent's state of principal licensure is in Michigan. The Michigan Board of Medicine issued the Respondent a Michigan medical license on or about March 7, 1996, under Michigan License Number 4301060139.
2. On or about October 26, 2021, the Respondent submitted an Application for Expedited Licensure through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (the "Compact").
3. On or about October 18, 2022, the Board issued the Respondent a license to practice medicine in Maryland under Maryland License Number D0095773.
4. By email dated on or about October 19, 2022, the Board notified the Respondent of his obligation to complete supplemental questions (the "Supplemental Application") within thirty (30) days. The Board further notified the Respondent that

failure to submit the Supplemental Application within thirty (30) days could result in disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of his medical license. The Board sent the notification to the email address of record which the Respondent provided on his Compact application.

5. The Respondent did not complete the Supplemental Application within thirty (30) days.

6. By email dated on or around February 23, 2024, the Board sent a notice to the Respondent advising that his application for licensure was incomplete due to his failure to submit the Supplemental Application. The Board notified the Respondent that failure to submit the Supplemental Application within ten (10) business days could result in disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of his medical license. The Respondent did not respond to the Board's email or complete the Supplemental Application at that time.

7. By email dated on or around February 28, 2024, the Board sent a second notice to the Respondent advising that his application for licensure was incomplete due to his failure to submit the Supplemental Application. The Board notified the Respondent that failure to submit the Supplemental Application within ten (10) business days could result in disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of his medical license. The Respondent did not respond to the Board's email or complete the Supplemental Application at that time.

8. By email dated on or around March 4, 2024, the Board sent a third notice to the Respondent advising that his application for licensure was incomplete due to his failure to submit the Supplemental Application. The Board notified the Respondent that failure to

submit the Supplemental Application within ten (10) business days could result in disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of his medical license. The Respondent did not respond to the Board's email or complete the Supplemental Application at that time.

9. On or about March 4, 2024, at approximately 8:11 a.m., the Board received a read receipt regarding the email notice sent to the Respondent earlier that same day.

10. By email and letter dated on or about April 2, 2024, the Board advised the Respondent that an investigation had been opened based on his failure to complete the Compact Physician Supplemental Application as required under Health Occ. § 14-3313.1. The Board advised the Respondent to complete the Supplemental Application immediately and notify the Board that he had done so to avoid its issuance of disciplinary charges against him and the non-renewal of his Compact license. The Respondent did not respond to the Board's email or letter, nor did he complete the Supplemental Application at that time.

11. Board staff unsuccessfully attempted to contact the Respondent via phone on or about April 19, 2024, and April 24, 2024.

12. To date, the Respondent has not completed the Supplemental Application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent failed to complete his Compact Physician Supplement Application, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(43) and Health Occ. § 14-3313.1.

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Board Disciplinary Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, within **THIRTY (30) DAYS** of the effective date of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)**. The payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to pay the fine; and it is further

ORDERED that, within **TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS** of the effective date of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall complete and file with the Board the Compact Supplement Application or the Respondent's license to practice medicine in Maryland will be immediately suspended until the time when the Board receives the Supplemental Application; 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. The Executive Director signs the Consent Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

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

09/20/2024

Signature On File

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

CONSENT

I, Dominick Lago, Jr., M.D., acknowledge that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order and in any proceedings that would otherwise result from charges. 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 COMAR 10.32.22.06 concerning any disciplinary charges that could have been issued against me. I waive this right and elect 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 Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the pending disciplinary matters. I waive any right

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

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

Signature On File

9/10/24
Date

Dominick Lago, Jr., M.D.
Respondent

NOTARY

Florida
~~STATE OF MARYLAND~~
CITY/COUNTY OF manatee

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 18th day of SEP, 2024, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County personally appear Dominick Lago, Jr., M.D., and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notary seal.

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Notary Public

My commission expires

06/02/2028

