

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
STEPHEN M. PICKSTONE, M.D.	*	STATE BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHYSICIANS
Maryland License Number: D0099951	*	Case Number: 2225-0166

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ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) received information that Stephen M. Pickstone, M.D. (the “Respondent”), Maryland License Number D0099951, a physician licensed to practice medicine in Maryland via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (the “Compact”), was disciplined by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (the “Kentucky Board”). In an Agreed Order of Reprimand (the “Order”), dated June 18, 2025, the Kentucky Board reprimanded the Respondent’s medical license.

Based on the above-mentioned Kentucky Board sanction, the Maryland Board is authorized to discipline the Respondent, pursuant to Health Occ. §14-3A-01, Section 10.

Health Occ. §14-3A-01, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Section 10 Disciplinary Actions provides:

- (a) Any disciplinary action taken by any member board against a physician licensed through the Compact shall be deemed unprofessional conduct that may be subject to discipline by other member boards, in addition to any violation of the Medical Practice Act or regulations in that state.

- (c) If disciplinary action is taken against a physician by a member board not in the state of principal license, any other member board may deem the action conclusive as to matter of law and fact decided; and

(1) Impose the same or lesser sanction(s) against the physician so long as such sanctions are consistent with the Medical Practice Act of that state[.]

Maryland Board Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) has determined that the acts for which the Respondent was disciplined in Kentucky would be grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. §14-404(a)(3)(ii) and is further deemed unprofessional conduct under Health Occ. 14-3A-01, Section 10(a).

FINDINGS OF FACT

Under Health Occ. § 14-3A-01 Section 10(c), a compact member board may deem the facts in any disciplinary action taken against a physician by a member board to be conclusive as a matter of fact decided. Accordingly, Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland on or about March 25, 2024, under License Number D0099951.

2. In its Order dated June 18, 2025, the Kentucky Board found that the Respondent was holding a valid Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) permit, authorizing him to prescribe controlled substances, without being registered to use the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (“KASPER”) system as required by Kentucky law.¹

3. On or about December 4, 2024, the Kentucky Board sent a notice requiring the Respondent to register for the KASPER system and submit proof of registration within seven days of receiving the notice.

4. The Respondent did not register for the KASPER system or provide proof of registration within seven days of receiving the Kentucky Board notice.

¹ KRS 218A.202

5. On or about February 24, 2025, the Kentucky Board was notified by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (“CHFS”) that the Respondent had registered to use the KASPER system.

6. By Order dated June 18, 2025, the Kentucky Board reprimanded the Respondent’s medical license.

A copy of the Kentucky Board Order is attached hereto.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, based on the Kentucky Board’s Conclusions of Law, and based on Health Occ. §14-3A-01 Section 10(a) and (c), Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent “is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine,” in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii).

SANCTION

Pursuant to Health Occ. §14-3A-01, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Section 10(c)(1), the Maryland Board may impose the same sanction against the physician so long as such sanctions are consistent with the Maryland Medical Practice Act. Panel B will impose the same sanction as the Kentucky Board.

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent’s medical license in the State of Maryland is **REPRIMANDED**, and it is further

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

08/11/2025
Date

Signature on file

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Health Occ. §14-408, the Respondent has the right to seek judicial review of this Final Order. Any petition for judicial review shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Final Order. The cover letter accompanying this Final Order indicates the date the decision is mailed. Any petition for judicial review shall be made as provided for in the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §10-222 and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

If the Respondent files a petition for judicial review, the Board is a party and should be served with the court's process at the following address:

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