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Re: James S. Kehler, M.D.
Case No.: 2017-0158B
License No.: D08616

Dear Dr. Kehler and Counsel:

On February 20, 2018, Disciplinary Panel B of the Maryland State Board of Physicians issued an **ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE** in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2)(i) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2015 Supp.). Dr. Kehler was given an opportunity to attend a post-deprivation hearing before Disciplinary Panel B to show cause why that suspension should not be continued on April 25, 2018. Dr. Kehler attended the hearing on that date together with his counsel, Jonathan Kagan, Esq. The State was represented by Kara Wilcox Mundy, Administrative Prosecutor. Both parties presented extensive oral arguments at the show cause hearing.

After considering these arguments at the hearing and the investigative file, Disciplinary Panel B determined that it would continue the summary suspension imposed on February 20, 2018. Disciplinary Panel B thus will not lift the summary suspension order. The arguments presented, when considered in the light of the investigative findings in the file, persuade Disciplinary Panel B there exists a substantial risk of serious harm to the public health, safety or welfare in Dr. Kehler's continued practice. Disciplinary Panel B, through its counsel, advised Dr. Kehler of this decision orally on the hearing date.


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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Under the Board's regulations, Dr. Kehler has the right to request a full evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. This request will be granted if the Board receives a written request for a hearing within **TEN (10)** days of the date of this letter. Any request for a hearing should be sent to Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director, at the Board's address. If such a hearing is requested, the regulations require that an Administrative Law Judge set the hearing to begin within 30 days of the request, *see* COMAR 10.32.02.08 I, though that 30-day requirement may be waived.

This letter constitutes an order of the Board through Disciplinary Panel B resulting from formal disciplinary action and is therefore a public document.

Sincerely yours,


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