

**These charges are only allegations which  
may be contested by the licensee in an  
Administrative hearing.**

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
LAWRENCE D. MASON, M.D.

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

Lawrence D. Mason, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about June 25, 1984, by the issuance of license number 158486 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about May 13, 2015, the State Medical Board of Ohio ("Ohio Board") issued a public order, which ratified Respondent's permanent surrender of his certificate and license to practice medicine and surgery and his agreement to permanently withdraw his application for Ohio license restoration, in lieu of further investigation of impairment of ability to practice due to substance use or abuse, as described in Ohio law governing the discipline of physicians. Respondent's surrender was deemed a permanent revocation of his license and a permanent bar from any future licensure application. The basis for the Ohio Board action was reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards as substance abuse.

1. The conduct resulting in the Ohio disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following section of New York State law:
  - a. New York State Education Law § 6530(8) (being a habitual abuser of alcohol, or being dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects, or having a psychiatric condition which impairs the licensee's ability to practice).

B. On or about July 13, 2015, the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation ("Illinois") ordered an emergency temporary suspension of Respondent's license, based on a finding that public interest, safety and welfare required it, in that Respondent's actions constituted an immediate danger to the public. Subsequently, on or about June 30, 2016, Illinois issued public disciplinary Order No. 2014-07362, in which Respondent's Certificate of Registration and Illinois Physician and Surgeon License was indefinitely suspended, and in which Respondent was prohibited from seeking restoration for a minimum of three (3) years.

1. The conduct resulting in the Illinois disciplinary actions against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following section of New York State law:

a. New York State Education Law § 6530(8) (being a habitual abuser of alcohol, or being dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects, or having a psychiatric condition which impairs the licensee's ability to practice).

#### **SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

#### **FIRST AND SECOND SPECIFICATION** **HAVING HAD DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(d) by having his or her license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having his or her application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered his or her license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation,

suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state (namely N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(8)) as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A and its subparagraphs.
2. Paragraph B and its subparagraphs.

DATE: September 7, 2016  
New York, New York



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