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

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

STATEMENT

OF

OF

JAMES FLETCHER, M.D.

CHARGES

JAMES FLETCHER, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 1, 1985, by the issuance of license number 163026 by the New York State Education Department.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about April 11, 2014, pursuant to an Agreement between the Respondent and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Board of Registration in Medicine ("Board") a non-disciplinary Voluntary Agreement Not To Practice Medicine was accepted by the Board, while it investigated allegations that involved quality of care issues and concerns regarding Respondent's coming to work under the influence of alcohol. On or about October 20, 2014, Respondent voluntarily agreed to resign his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
  - On November 5, 2014, the Board accepted Respondent's resignation and issued an Order, wherein the Board terminated Respondent's Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine, and Respondent surrendered his license to practice medicine, which was deemed disciplinary.
  - 2. The conduct resulting in the Board's Order against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State pursuant to New York Education Law §6530(8)(Being a habitual abuser of alcohol, or being dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphrtamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects)

## SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES 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. Paragraphs A and A.1. and A.2.

DATE: February / 4, 2017 New York, New York

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