

BEFORE THE KANSAS PHARMACY BOARD

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KANSAS STATE Board of Pharmacy

In the Matter of)
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DOUGLAS HIGBIE, R.Ph.)
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Kansas License No. 1-08773)

Case No. 06-53

STIPULATION AND FINAL AGENCY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the Kansas Pharmacy Board (the "Board") and Douglas Higbie, R.Ph. (the "Respondent") as follows:

1. The Board is represented herein by its attorney, Randall J. Forbes of Frieden & Forbes, 555 South Kansas Avenue, Suite 303, Topeka, Kansas 66603. The Respondent is represented herein by his attorney, Bob Bezek Robert L. Bezek, Jr., Bezek, Lowry & Hendrix, 111 E. Second, Ottawa, Kansas 66067.

2. The Board is the Kansas agency vested with the authority to carry out and enforce the provisions of the Kansas Pharmacy Law, K.S.A. 65-1626 *et seq.*, including conducting hearings and proceedings to revoke, suspend or otherwise discipline a Kansas license to practice pharmacy.

3. The Respondent is presently entitled to engage in the practice of pharmacy in the State of Kansas by reason of the Board having issued him license number 1-08773. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent held a current license to practice pharmacy in the State of Kansas.

4. The Board has received certain information, has investigated and has determined that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent has committed an act or acts in violation of the Kansas Pharmacy Act, K.S.A. 65-1626 *et seq.*

Respondent hereby admits and waives any further proof in this or any other proceeding before or initiated by the Board that, as the Pharmacist in Charge of Briscoe Pharmacy in Ottawa, Kansas, on one or more occasion, he failed to comply with K.A.R. 68-20-19(c) in partially filling of a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The Board finds and concludes that Respondent's conduct, as described above, violates K.A.R. 68-20-19 and is grounds for disciplinary action in the State of Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(5).

5. The Board finds and the Respondent agrees that the following disposition is just and appropriate under the circumstances:

A. FINE. Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the Board's entry of an order assessing against him an administrative fine in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for improperly filling a partial fill of a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule II, to be paid to the Board within ten (10) days of the effective date of the Final Agency Order contemplated hereby.

B. PIC EXAMINATION. Respondent hereby agrees and consents to retake the PIC examination, and satisfactorily obtain a minimum passing score of eighty-five percent (85%), within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Final Agency Order contemplated hereby.

C. OTHER REQUIREMENTS. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that as a condition of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order he must:

1. Comply fully with this Stipulation and Final Agency Order;
2. Comply fully with the Kansas Pharmacy Act, the Board's rules and regulations, and all state and federal laws relating to Kansas pharmacists; and

3. Appear at the Board meeting at which the Stipulation is considered.

It shall be the Respondent's responsibility to contact the Board's Executive Director at the Board office to determine the time and place when the Stipulation shall be considered.

6. Respondent agrees that all information in the possession of the Board's Investigation Member, its staff, its investigators and its attorney regarding the investigation which led to this disciplinary action and all information discovered during the pendency of the disciplinary action may be disclosed to and considered by the Board as part of the presentation and consideration of the proposal of settlement in the form of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order and the Final Order provided for herein, with or without the presence of the Respondent or his attorney. In the event that this Stipulation and Final Agency Order and the Final Order provided for herein are not accepted and approved by the Board, the Respondent further waives any objection to the Board members' consideration of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order or the information mentioned in the preceding sentence and further agrees to waive any claim of a due process violation or the right to seek the disqualification of any Board member as a result of the Board member's consideration of said document and information.

7. The stipulations contained herein shall not become binding until this Stipulation and Final Agency Action is approved by the Board and the Final Order provided for herein is entered by the Board. The Respondent acknowledges that the approval of the Board's attorney or the Board's Investigation Member shall not constitute the approval of the Board or bind the Board to approve this Stipulation and Final Agency Action or the Final Order provided for herein.

8. The Respondent agrees that this Stipulation and Final Agency Order is in conformance with Kansas and federal law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into it and

enter the Final Order provided for herein. The Respondent further agrees that the Kansas Pharmacy Act, K.S.A. 65-1626 *et seq.*, is constitutional on its face and as applied in this case.

9. This stipulation constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and may only be modified by a subsequent writing signed by them. The agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

10. The Respondent acknowledges that he has the following rights:

A. To have formal notice of charges served upon him;

B. To file a response to the charges;

C. To have notice of and participate in a formal adjudicative hearing with the Board making specific findings of facts and conclusions of law based only upon evidence admitted at such hearing; and

D. To take advantage of all applicable provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act and the Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Action.

The Respondent freely waives these rights and acknowledges that said waiver is made voluntarily and in consideration of the Board's limiting the disciplinary action taken against him to those provided for herein. The Respondent further waives the right to seek reconsideration or appeal or otherwise contest this Stipulation and Final Agency Order and the Final Order provided for herein.

11. The Respondent acknowledges that he enters into this Stipulation and Final Agency Order freely and voluntarily after consultation with counsel of his choosing or an opportunity to do so. The Respondent further acknowledges that he has read this Stipulation and Final Agency order in its entirety, that he understands its legal consequences, and that he agrees that none of its terms are unconscionable, arbitrary or capricious.

12. Time is of the essence to this Stipulation and Final Agency Order. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that any violation of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall constitute a willful violation of a lawful Board order and grounds for further disciplinary action against him. The pendency of any disciplinary action arising out of an alleged violation of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall not affect the obligation of Respondent to comply with all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order.

13. For purposes of reporting to the National Practitioner's Data Bank, this matter shall be categorized as follows:

A. Adverse Action Classification: "1173 Publicly Available Fine/Monetary Penalty."

B. Basis for Action: "99 Other -- Not Classified, Failure to comply with a Board Regulation."

14. The following statement will be made in the Board's newsletter: "A pharmacist in Ottawa, Kansas was disciplined by the Board entering an order assessing an administrative fine of \$1,000.00 and requiring the pharmacist to retake the PIC examination."

15. This Stipulation and Final Agency Order constitutes the entire and final agreement of the parties. In the event any provision of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order is deemed invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be severed and the remaining provisions of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall be given full force and effect.

16. Upon execution by all parties, this Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall be a public record in the custody of the Board.

17. This Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall become effective on the day it is approved, accepted and made an order of the Board by way of signature of the Board's authorized representative.

18. The Respondent acknowledges that he has been advised by the Board that he would have the right within 15 days after service of the Final Order provided for herein to file a petition for reconsideration with the Board and the right within 30 days after service of the Final Order provided for herein to file a petition for judicial review in the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas in accordance with the Kansas Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Actions, K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.*, and to serve such a petition for judicial review on the Kansas Pharmacy Board by serving Debra L. Billingsley, its Executive Director, at Landon Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Room 560, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1231. The Respondent hereby waives those rights.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED BY:


DOUGLAS HIGBIE, R.Ph.

10-4-06
Date


JOANNE GILSTRAP, R.Ph.
Investigation Member

12/5/06
Date

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