BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

PHILIP J. BERENT, M.D.,

Holder of License No. 45421
For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND CONSENT TO THE SAME.

Philip J. Berent, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License, admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") as well as the facts stated herein, and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of license number 45421 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-17-0188A after receiving notification that Respondent's Illinois medical license was suspended by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("Illinois Board").

4. On February 17, 2017, the Illinois Board summarily suspended Respondent's Illinois medical license in case number 2017-01230 based on findings that the public interest, safety, and welfare imperatively required emergency action. In its underlying Petition for Temporary Suspension, the Illinois Board alleged that Respondent voluntarily surrendered his DEA Registration during a DEA investigation.
5. Pursuant to A.R.S. §23-1401(27)(b) on June 28, 2017, the Board voted to
summarily suspend Respondent's license based upon the action of the Illinois Board.

6. Respondent subsequently entered into a consent agreement with the Illinois
Board, effective December 2, 2017. The Consent Order states that, during negotiations,
Respondent expressed that it was his intention to retire from the practice of medicine. The
Consent Order provides that Respondent “will be placed on permanent inactive status and
thereafter Respondent will not engage in any form of medical practice under
the aforementioned Illinois Physician and Surgeon License and Illinois Controlled Substance
License in the future.” Respondent agreed that the Consent Order was a formal
disciplinary action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
Respondent.

2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 23-1401(27)(c)(“Action that is taken against a doctor of
medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor’s mental or
physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine or the doctor’s medical
incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that
corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this
paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a
license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise
limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on
probation by that jurisdiction.”).

3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 23-1401(27)(d)(“sanctions imposed by an agency of the
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License Number 49421, issued to Philip J. Bereti, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and return his certificate of licensure to the Board.

DATED and effective this 14th day of January, 2018.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: [Signature]
Patricia E. Moseley
Executive Director

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges he/she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.
4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

9. Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.

PHILIP L. BERENT, M.D.  Dated: 1.23.2018

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by US Mail this 4th day of February, 2018 to:
Philip J. Berent, M.D.
Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
14th day of February, 2018 with:
The Arizona Medical Board
1740 W. Adams
Phoenix, AZ 85007

[Signature]
Board Staff