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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE **SUSPENSION** :
OR **REVOCAION OF THE LICENSE OF** : **Administrative Action**

RICHARD GOODIN, M.D.
License No. MA44369

**FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE**

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY:
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made;

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Richard Goodin, M.D., License No. MA 44369, is a physician licensed in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto. On or about June 30, 1997, Respondent permitted that license to lapse. As a consequence of Respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal application in 1997, Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey was automatically suspended pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-6.1, which allows for reinstatement upon payment of certain fees,

2. On or about August 7, 2003, Respondent was the subject of a Surrender Order entered by the State of New York Department of Health State Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("New York Board") by which he surrendered his New York medical license after he was found guilty on April 24, 2003, based upon his plea of guilty, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Kings County, New York of two counts of criminal sale of a prescription for a controlled

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substance in violation of **New York** Penal Law Section 220.65, a class **C** felony. (**Copy of the Order** and available supporting materials are annexed hereto and made a part hereof.)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above disciplinary action provides grounds **for** the suspension of licensure in the **State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) and (g)** in that Respondent **has** surrendered his **New York** license which is tantamount to a suspension or revocation of his license to practice medicine, the **New York Order** is based on findings or admissions that would give rise to discipline in this **State**, and his conviction is for a crime of moral turpitude and a crime relating adversely to the profession.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings **and** conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline suspending respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the **State of New Jersey was** entered on January 13, 2005 and a **copy** was **forwarded** to respondent at the last known address on file with the Board. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board **at 5:00 p.m.** on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a **modification** or **dismissal** of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons **why** said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed **and** submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's **request** for consideration and reasons therefor.

In response to the Provisional Order, respondent submitted a written correspondence dated January 20, 2005, for the **Board's** review. In his correspondence, respondent requested that the Board delay the finalization of the Provisional Order of Discipline for at least ninety (90) days pending the outcome of a Motion to Vacate the Judgment filed by respondent in a criminal case.

Respondent's submissions were reviewed by the Board, and the Board determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. The Board was not persuaded that the submitted materials merited further consideration, as respondent did not dispute the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 18th day of Feb , 2005,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended until such time as his New York medical license has been restored.
2. Prior to resuming active practice in New Jersey, Respondent shall be required to appear before the Board or a committee thereof, to demonstrate fitness to resume practice, to show that Respondent has satisfied all requirements of any New York disposition and is reinstated to the practice of medicine in that State.

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By: 

Bernard Robins, M.D., F.A.C.P.
Board President