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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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

In the Matter of:

SANTUSHT PERERA, M.D.

STAY ORDER

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WHEREAS the Board determined on May 21, 2008, that cause existed to adopt in part and modify in part an Initial Decision that had been entered on April 14, 2008 by ALJ Ken R. Springer, and

WHEREAS the Board then further determined, following a hearing on the issue of penalty, to impose, among other items, a two year suspension of the license of respondent Santusht Perera, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey, a minimum of six months of which were to be served as an active period of suspension, to commence at the close of business on June 6, 2008, and

WHEREAS the Board's decision was announced on the record on May 21, 2008, and thereafter memorialized within a written Order of the Board filed on June 5, 2008, and

WHEREAS respondent has made a motion requesting that a stay of the Board's Order be entered and that the Board reconsider its decision, and further seeking leave to present evidence in mitigation of penalty, to include testimony to be offered by respondent and/or by three to four witnesses on respondent's

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behalf, none of which was presented on May 21, 2008, and

WHEREAS respondent has further represented, in writing, that he will voluntarily agree not to engage in any practice of medicine and surgery from the close of business on June 6, 2008 until such time as this matter is heard and reconsidered by the full Board, and

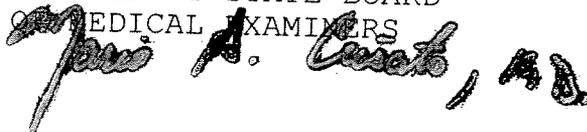
WHEREAS argument on the motion for a stay was considered by the Board President in a telephone conference call on June 5, 2008, and the Board President was then satisfied that good cause existed to enter a stay of the Board's Order both so as to afford respondent an opportunity to present testimony in mitigation of penalty and to afford the Attorney General an opportunity to argue that the Board reconsider and increase the determinations previously made on penalty to be meted out to respondent,

~~IT IS on this 6th day of June, 2008~~

ORDERED:

The Final Order of the Board in the Matter of Santusht Perera, M.D., Adopting in Part and Modifying in Part the Initial Decision of ALJ Springer, filed on June 5, 2008, is hereby stayed until further Order of this Board.

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By:

Mario A. Criscito, M.D.
Board President