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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
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HERRICK LAI, D.D.S.	:	Administrative Action
License No. 22DI 02149800	:	
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TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY	:	ORDER OF SUMMARY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	SUSPENSION
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (Board) upon receipt and review of the following information:

1. Herrick Lai, D. D.S. (respondent), License No. 22 DI 02149800, was initially licensed to practice dentistry in this State on July 11, 2001.
2. Respondent did not renew his license to practice dentistry prior to its expiration on October 31, 2005, and has not renewed or attempted to renew his license since that time.
3. The Board issued a Uniform Penalty Letter on February 22, 2006, based on respondent's failure to complete continuing education required for renewal of his license for the 2003-2005 renewal period. Respondent did not reply to that Uniform Penalty Letter.

4. Respondent's failure to renew his license for the biennial registration period November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2007, or at any time since then, has resulted in a lapsed license status and provides grounds to automatically suspend respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 1st day of July, 2009,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, without a hearing. Any practice of dentistry during the period in which he does not hold an active license shall be deemed the unlicensed practice of dentistry and shall subject respondent to disciplinary action.

2. In the event that respondent seeks reinstatement of his New Jersey license, he shall appear before the Board or a committee of the Board to establish that he is fit to practice dentistry in this State. The Board reserves the right to deny reinstatement, take disciplinary action, and place restrictions and/or limitations upon respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey based on the conduct underlying the February 22, 2006 Uniform Penalty Letter and any other information developed by the Board in connection with the application for reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By:



Alexander Hall, D.M.D.  
Board President