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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

CHRISTOPHER ELIAS, R.P.

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy ("the Board") upon receipt of respondent Christopher Elias' application for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy in this State. Respondent practiced without a license for eighteen (18) months and misrepresented to his employer that his license was renewed and not due to expire. Specifically, respondent's license expired on April 30, 2009 yet he continued to work at CVS Pharmacy for an additional eighteen (18) months. Respondent entered an incorrect expiration date of April 30, 2011 in the CVS database that is used for the verification of internal licensing, thereby misrepresenting to CVS that he held a current license to practice Pharmacy.

In support of his application, respondent, in a letter dated October 10, 2010, expressed his remorse for exercising poor judgment. He explained that he was not aware of the license renewal process and followed the directions of his supervisor when he entered a false expiration date for his license in his employer's license verification database. He concluded by apologizing for the inconvenience his mistake had caused and stated that he had not intended to work with an expired license.

Respondent, being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to same, and the Board having determined that this Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 16 day of November, 2010,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall provide the following to the Board, which shall all be to the satisfaction of the Board:
 - a. Proof of successful completion of all application requirements including a criminal history background check with results that are satisfactory to the Board and payment of all reinstatement fees;
 - b. Proof of successful completion of six (6) Board approved continuing education credits in pharmacy law. These credits shall be in addition to those continuing education credits required by N.J.A.C. 13:39-3A.1-13:39-3A.7.
 - c. Proof of payment of any and all monthly

installments toward payment of his civil penalty which are due and owing pursuant to paragraph five (5) of this Order.

2. After respondent has complied with all of the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Order to the satisfaction of the Board, respondent's license to practice pharmacy shall be reinstated.

3. Upon reinstatement, respondent's license shall be suspended for a period of six months, the entire period to be stayed and served as a period of probation.

4. During the period of stayed suspension/probation, respondent shall not act as preceptor or pharmacist-in-charge (RPIC) at any pharmacy and shall not own or have an ownership interest in any pharmacy.

5. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 in consecutive monthly installments of no less than \$1000 per month. The first installment payment shall be submitted contemporaneously with this Order with subsequent payments due by the 15th of each month commencing December 15, 2010. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy and mailed to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy, ATTN: Joanne Boyer, Executive Director, 125 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101. In the event that respondent fails to make timely payment, interest shall begin to accrue at the annual court rule rate, a

Certification of Debt shall be issued, and the Board may institute such other proceedings as are authorized by law, including automatic suspension of Respondent's license as described herein.

6. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an Order of automatic suspension of license without notice, upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable that Respondent has failed to comply with any provision of this Order.

7. Respondent may contest the entry of any Order of automatic suspension by submitting, within five (5) days after receiving notice of the Order, a request for a hearing and specifying his reasons to contest the entry of such an Order. At any such hearing the sole issue shall be whether any information received by the Board was materially false. In addition, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Edward G. McGinley
Edward G. McGinley, R.P.,
President

I have read the within Order and understand its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order by the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy.

Christopher Elias
Christopher Elias, R.P.