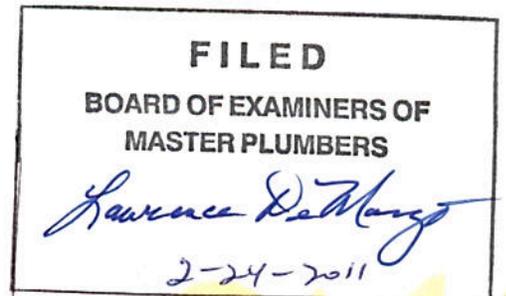


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER  
PLUMBERS

IN THE MATTER OF  
  
**PAUL STRUMOLO, L.M.P.**  
License No. 36BI00968100  
  
TO PRACTICE PLUMBING  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers (the "Board") 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. Paul Strumolo ("respondent") was previously licensed to practice plumbing in the State of New Jersey having initially received his license on May 11, 1993. However, respondent failed to renew his license prior to its expiration on June 30, 2005. As a result, respondent's license is currently suspended, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), for failing to renew within 30 days of the expiration date of the license.

2. On April 25, 2007, respondent entered into a consent order with New Jersey Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. According to the consent order, respondent knowingly made a material misrepresentation on

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a claim filed for coverage under his homeowners insurance policy with the Prudential Insurance Company. Specifically, on September 23, 2003, Respondent falsely reported his trailer stolen with the contents inside. Respondent consented to pay a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,500.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(k), in that respondent has been adjudicated and subject to a final order, entered in a civil proceeding, which imposed penalties for a violation of a provision of a insurance fraud prevention law.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on October 27, 2009 provisionally imposing a disciplinary suspension of respondent's license to practice plumbing in the State of New Jersey and assessing a \$2,500 civil penalty, together with other terms and conditions. A copy of the Provisional Order was forwarded to respondent at the last known address on file with the Board via UPS 2<sup>nd</sup> day Air service. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 an affidavit filed on June 25, 2010, the Board certified that respondent has not responded to the Provisional Order of Discipline. The

Provisional Order sent by means of UPS 2<sup>nd</sup> day Air service was delivered to 8 Asheville Street, Toms River, NJ 08753, the address listed for respondent in the Board's licensing system. This package was subsequently forwarded and delivered to 11 St. Pierri Court, Toms River, NJ 08753, the last known residence of respondent. Because the Order was forwarded to respondent's address of record, the Board deems service to have been effected. Accordingly, it was determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that the Provisional Order should be made final.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS** on this 24 day of FEB, 2011,

**ORDERED** that:

1. Respondent's license to practice plumbing in the State of New Jersey, which is currently suspended by application of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), as a result of his failure to apply for renewal within 30 days of its expiration date of June 30, 2005, shall remain suspended, as a disciplinary suspension, until such time as Respondent appears before the Board, or a committee of the Board, to request reinstatement and to demonstrate his fitness to resume practice. The Board shall not entertain an application for reinstatement until such time as respondent has paid in full the civil penalty which is outlined in this order. Additionally, the Board shall not entertain an application for reinstatement until such time as respondent has demonstrated that he has satisfied all conditions of the Office of Insurance Fraud consent order dated April 25, 2005, including payment of the \$3,500 civil penalty. Any practice in this State prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice. In addition, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions on respondent's practice should his license be reinstated.

2. Respondent shall immediately surrender his master plumber's

pressure seal upon entry of this Final Order of Discipline. The seal shall be sent to the Executive Director, Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, in the amount of \$2,500.00 in that he has been adjudicated and subject to a final order, entered in a civil proceeding, which imposed penalties for a violation of a provision of a insurance fraud prevention law, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(k). Payment of the \$2,500 civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to the Executive Director, Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101 no later than thirty (30) days after entry of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed.

5. Respondent shall cease and desist from the violations described herein. Subsequent violations will subject Respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

6. Additionally, if further proceedings are ordered, the Board may seek to recoup the costs of such proceedings from respondent, in addition to the sanctions and penalties stated above.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

By: Peter Voros  
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Board Chairman