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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

Hee Joon Kwak, D.D.S.
License No. 22DI 02305100

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Hee Joon Kwak, D.D.S. ("respondent") is a dentist in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant to this order. Respondent's license is currently in active status.

2. On July 26, 2006, respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New York was suspended for a period of two years, the entirety of which was stayed, by a Consent Order issued by the New York State Education Department, Office of Professional Discipline, State Board of Dentistry, based on respondent's submission in 2003 of false statements

regarding dental screenings at a public school. In addition to the stayed suspension, respondent, was ordered to pay a \$5,000 penalty.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The above findings of fact provide grounds for disciplinary action in this State, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g), as the State of New York has suspended respondent's license to practice dentistry in that State for reasons consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusion, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on September 6, 2007. A copy of the Order was forwarded to respondent's address of record by certified and regular mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following its entry unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above 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 therefore.

Respondent did not respond in writing to the Provisional Order. After receiving the Provisional Order, respondent telephoned the Board office, spoke to a staff person, and advised that he had received the Provisional Order of Discipline entered on September 6, 2007. Respondent indicated that he would accept the proposed sanctions without submitting a response. As a result, the Provisional Order of Discipline is now finalized.


IT IS ON THIS 21st DAY OF November, 2008

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of Hee Joon Kwak, D.D.S., to practice dentistry in the State of New

Jersey is hereby suspended for a period of two (2) years, which suspension shall be stayed and served as a probation and shall run concurrently with the suspension imposed by the State of New York.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: 
Alexander Hall, D.M.D.