

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE 2019 APR -3 AM 8: 48

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, **Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs** 

Case No.:

18-49-003742

Bruce Alexander Lief, M.D. Respondent

VS.

## FINAL ORDER OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

WHEREAS, the records of the State Board of Medicine (Board) reflect that Bruce Alexander Lief, M.D. (Respondent), is the holder of a license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, License No.: MD013324E; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2018, the Board issued a Notice and Order of Automatic Suspension under the authority of Sections 40(b) and 43(b) of the Medical Practice Act of 1985, Act of December 20, 1985, P.L. 457, No. 112 as amended (Act), 63 P.S. §§422.40(b) and 422.43(b) that automatically suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery, along with any other licenses, registrations, certificates, authorizations, permits or approvals (authorizations to practice the profession) issued by the Board to Respondent, and

WHEREAS, the Notice and Order of Automatic Suspension provided that unless Respondent filed an answer to the Petition for Automatic Suspension and requested a hearing, the suspension would be effective on September 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, answers to the petition and hearings thereon are limited to the issues of whether Respondent was convicted of the offense(s) as alleged in the Petition, or whether conviction of the offense(s) would be a felony in the Commonwealth under the act of April 14.

1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), as amended, 35 P.S. §§780-113(a)(14), (known as the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act or "Drug Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Board's Notice and Order of Automatic Suspension was served via personal service to Respondent on December 28, 2018, as indicated on the Affidavit of Service, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, having received no response or request for a hearing by Respondent on the issue of whether Respondent was convicted of the offense as alleged or whether conviction of the offense is a felony under the Drug Act,

NOW THEREFORE, the Board ORDERS that the Notice and Order of Automatic Suspension, issued on September 6, 2018, is now the FINAL ORDER in this matter and that the license to practice medicine and surgery, license number MD013324E, issued to BRUCE ALEXANDER LIEF, M.D., is AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED for TEN (10) YEARS under the authority of 63 P.S. §§ 422.40(b) and 422.43(b).

The Board **ORDERS** that Respondent shall immediately **CEASE** practicing medicine and surgery. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if he has not already done so, Respondent shall return his wallet card(s), and biennial renewal certificates(s), (or notarized statement of their loss or destruction) to the Board within ten (10) days of the date of this Order by mailing them to:

Board Counsel State Board of Medicine Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs P.O. Box 69523 Harrisburg, PA 17106-9523

This order shall take effect immediately.

### BY ORDER:

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

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BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

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Kerry E. Maloney, Esq.

April 3, 2019

# EXHIBIT A

## **Affidavit of Service**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
County of Montgomery

Before me <u>DEfores</u>  $\mathcal{E}$  <u>Batts</u>, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared  $\mathcal{E}$   $\mathcal{E}$   $\mathcal{E}$   $\mathcal{E}$   $\mathcal{E}$  , to me known (or satisfactorily proven), who being duly sworn according to law, both depose and say that:

On the 28th day of December 2018 at 2:20 p.m., Sherilyn Gillespie, a duly authorized agent of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs and an individual over the age of twenty-one (21) years, personally served a true and correct copy of the attached **Notice and Order of Automatic Suspension** in the matter of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs vs. **Bruce Alexander Lief, M.D.** File No. 18-49-003742, to the following individual at the following address:

Bruce Alexander Lief, M.D. 113 McClelland Ave Pitman, New Jersey 08071

By handing a copy of the same to this person.

The Affiant understands that this Affidavit is made subject to 18 Pa. C.S. §4903 relating

to false swearing.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

18 day of JANUARY 2018

**Notary Public** 

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

NOTARIAL SEAL

DELORES E. BATTS, Notary Public
City of King of Prussia, Montgomery County
My Commission Expires November 21, 2019

#### NOTICE

The attached Final Order represents the final agency decision in this matter. It may be appealed to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania by the filing of a Petition for Review with that Court within 30 days after the entry of the order in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure. See Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure entitled "Judicial Review of Governmental Determinations," Pa. R.A.P 1501 – 1561. Please note: An order is entered on the date it is mailed. If you take an appeal to the Commonwealth Court, you must serve the Board with a copy of your Petition for Review. The agency contact for receiving service of such an appeal is:

Board Counsel P.O. Box 69523 Harrisburg, PA 17106-9523

The name of the individual Board Counsel is identified on the Final Order.