

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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| IN THE MATTER OF: |) | BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD |
| |) | OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS |
| GUYTON REGISTER, M.D. |) | |
| RESPONDENT |) | DOCKET NO: 17.18-215537A |
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| SAINT PAUL, VIRGINIA |) | |
| TENNESSEE LICENSE NO. 44057 |) | |

FINAL ORDER

This matter came to be heard before the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter the “Board”) on March 16, 2022, pursuant to a Notice of Charges and Memorandum for Assessment of Civil Penalties issued against Respondent. Presiding at the hearing was the Honorable Mattielyn Williams, Administrative Judge, assigned by the Secretary of State. The Division of Health-Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health was represented by Jessica L. Turner, Esq. The Division of Health-Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health was represented by Jessica L. Turner, Esq. Respondent, Guyton Register, M.D., (hereinafter “Respondent”) was not present and was unrepresented by Counsel. Upon proof of service of the Respondent, the Respondent’s failure to appear or contact the Department at any time following the filing of the Notice of Charges, and after a Motion for default by Counsel for the Department of Health, the Board granted the Motion and the matter proceeded in default. After consideration of the Notice of Charges, the evidence presented, and the record as a whole, the Board finds as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- I. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a medical doctor in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 44057 by the Board on July 13, 2008, which currently has an expiration date of January 31, 2022.
2. On April 26, 2021, the Virginia Board of Medical Examiners revoked Respondent's medical license with the following findings:
 - I. Respondent is unfit for the performance of his professional obligations and duties and unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.
 - II. Respondent unlawfully prescribed and obtained controlled substances for his unauthorized use and without a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship for the individuals the controlled substances were purportedly prescribed to.
 - III. Respondent engaged in conduct of a sexual nature that a reasonable patient would consider lewd and offensive.
 - IV. Respondent prescribed narcotics to Individual A and Individual D between June 2018 and January 2020. Respondent did not have a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship with either Individual A or Individual D and did not prescribe the medications at issue for any demonstrable medicinal or therapeutic purpose.
 - V. Respondent willfully refused to provide information and records as requested by the Virginia Board's representative pursuant to an investigation or to the enforcement of a statute of regulation.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Findings of Fact are sufficient to establish that grounds for discipline of Respondent's medical license exist. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Medical Practice Act, TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.* and TENN. COMP. R. & REGS., 0880-1-.01, *et seq.* for which disciplinary action before and by the Board is authorized:

1. The fact in paragraph two (2), *supra*, constitutes a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(20):

Disciplinary action against the licensee to practice medicine by another state or territory of the United States for any acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for discipline of a licensee licensed in this state. A certified copy of the initial or final order or other equivalent document memorializing the disciplinary action from the disciplining state or territory shall constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of this section and shall be sufficient grounds upon which to deny, restrict or condition licensure or renewal and/or discipline a licensee licensed in this state;

III. POLICY STATEMENT

The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners takes this action in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of people in the State of Tennessee.

IV. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, the Board orders the following:

2. The Tennessee medical license of Guyton Register, M.D. license number 44057, is hereby **REVOKED**.

3. Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(k) and Rule 0880-02-.12(1)(j), the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including all costs assessed by the Office of Investigations, Secretary of State, Administrative Procedures Division, as well as the Office of General Counsel. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).
4. Any and all costs shall be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs by submitting a **certified check, cashier's check, or money order** payable to the **State of Tennessee**, which shall be mailed or delivered to: **Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, 2nd Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243**. A notation shall be placed on said check that it is payable for the costs and civil penalties of **Guyton Register, M.D., Case No. 202100647**.
5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Order shall be considered a Board Order violation, which may result in further discipline against Respondent pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-6-214(b)(2).
6. This is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.

So **ORDERED** by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners this 16th day of March, 2022.


Panel Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners

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RECONSIDERATION, ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

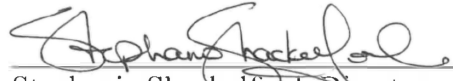
Within fifteen (15) days after the entry of an initial or final order, a party may file a petition to the Board for reconsideration of the Final Order. If no action is taken within twenty (20) days of filing of the petition with the Board, it is deemed denied. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-317.

In addition, a party may petition the Board for a stay of the Final Order within seven (7) days after the effective date of the Final Order. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-316.

Finally, a party may seek judicial review by filing a petition for review in the chancery court nearest to the place of residence of the person contesting the agency action or alternatively, at the person's discretion, in the chancery court nearest to the place where the cause of action arose, or in the chancery court of Davidson County within sixty (60) days after the effective date of the Final Order. A petition for reconsideration does not act to extend the sixty (60) day period; however, if the petition is granted, then the sixty (60) day period is tolled and a new sixty (60) day period commences from the effective date of the Final Order disposing of the petition. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-322.

CERTIFICATE OF FILING


This Order was received for filing in the Office of the Tennessee Secretary of State, Administrative Procedures Division, and became effective on the 17 day of March, 2022.


Stephanie Shackelford, Director
Administrative Procedures Division

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this document has been served upon Respondent, Guyton Register, M.D., 112 Dante Road, Saint Paul, Virginia 24283 by delivering same in the United States Mail, Certified Number 7021 0950 0000 5937 9551, return receipts requested, and United States First Class Postage Pre-Paid Mail, with sufficient postage thereon to reach its destination.

This 16th day of March 2022.


Jessica L. Turner
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