

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Verner Stillner, MD

Master Case No.: M2020-552

Document: Summary Action Order

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STATE OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION

In the Matter of the License to Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of:

VERNER STILLNER, MD License No. MD.MD.60096393 Master Case No. M2020-552

EX PARTE ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Respondent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jessica L. Blye, Health Law Judge.

This matter came before the Presiding Officer on delegation from and authorized by the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) on December 10, 2020, on an Ex Parte Motion for Order of Summary Action (Ex Parte Motion). The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(5). The Presiding Officer, after reviewing the Statement of Charges and the Ex Parte Motion with its supporting declaration and exhibits, GRANTS the Ex Parte Motion. Respondent's license is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pending further disciplinary proceedings.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1.1 Respondent is a physician and surgeon licensed by the state of Washington at all times applicable to this matter.
- 1.2 The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(5). The Statement of Charges was accompanied by all other documents required by WAC 246-11-250.
- 1.3 On or about October 11, 2019, Respondent surrendered his license to practice as a physician and surgeon in the state of Alaska. Respondent's surrender was accepted by the Alaska State Medical Board on or about October 11, 2019.

1.4 Respondent's surrender of his license was a result of his failure to comply with the terms of a previous disciplinary agreement with the Alaska State Medical Board.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 2.1 The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon. RCW 18.130.040.
- 2.2 The Commission has delegated summary action authority to the presiding officer in cases falling under RCW 18.130.370.
 - 2.3 RCW 18.130.180 defines unprofessional conduct as including:
 - (9) Failure to comply with an order issued by the disciplining authority or a stipulation for informal disposition entered into with the disciplining authority;

RCW 18.130.370 states:

Any individual who applies for a license or temporary practice permit or holds a license or temporary practice permit and is prohibited from practicing a health care profession in another state because of an act of unprofessional conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by this chapter or any of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040 is prohibited from practicing a health care profession in this state until proceedings of the appropriate disciplining authority have been completed under RCW 18.130.050.

RCW 18.130.050(8) provides, in relevant part:

Consistent with RCW 18.130.370, a disciplining authority shall issue a summary suspension of the license or temporary practice permit of a license holder prohibited from practicing a health care profession in another state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction because of an act of unprofessional conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by this chapter or any of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040. The summary suspension remains in effect until proceedings by the Washington disciplining authority have been completed.

2.4 Under the Alaska State Medical Board, Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a physician in the state of Alaska. The basis for the action is substantially similar to RCW 18.130.180 (9), which permits the Commission to discipline a physician who is non-compliant with an order issued by a disciplinary authority.

2.5 Summary suspension pending further proceedings is mandatory in cases where a respondent is prohibited from practicing in another state or foreign jurisdiction because of conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct under Washington statute or regulation.

III. ORDER

3.1 Based on the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law, it is ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon is SUSPENDED pending further disciplinary proceedings by the Commission. Respondent shall immediately deliver all licenses, (including wall, display, and/or wallet, if any), to the Commission

3.2 It is HEREBY ORDERED that a protective order in this case is GRANTED. All healthcare information and non-conviction data contained in the Ex Parte Motion, Declaration of Health Care Investigator in Support of Motion for Summary Action, and attached exhibits shall not be released except as provided in chapter 70.02 RCW, chapter 10.97 RCW, RCW 34.05.446(1), and WAC 246-11-400. The Protective Order prohibits the release of health care information outside these proceedings. Unless required by law, anyone involved in these proceedings must keep confidential and not disclose health care information obtained through these proceedings. Health care information includes information in any form "that identifies or can readily be associated

with the identity of a patient and directly relates to the patient's health care." RCW 70.02.010. The parties may share the information with their attorney, if any.

DATED this 11th day of December, 2020.

JESSICA L. BLYE, Health Law Judge

Presiding Officer