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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MARGARET CROSBIE-BURNETT, PHD,                      Case No. LE9909011PSY  
RESPONDENT

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
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The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

*Margaret Crosbie-Burnett, Ph.D.*  
*12700 SW 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue*  
*Miami, FL 33156*

*Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board*  
*P.O. Box 8935*  
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*Department of Regulation and Licensing*  
*Division of Enforcement*  
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Psychology Examining Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Margaret Crosbie-Burnett, Ph.D., Respondent, date of birth February 11, 1944, is licensed by the Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board as a psychologist in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 1283, which was first granted April 3, 1987.
2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 12700 SW 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33156.
3. Pursuant to §§ 440.08(2)(a)64., and 455.06, Stats., each person licensed to practice as a psychologist in the state of Wisconsin must renew that license biennially, by October 1 of each odd numbered year.
4. Wis. Adm. Code § Psy 4.01 states that in order to be qualified to renew the license, the licensee must have met the continuing education requirements specified in Wis. Adm. Code § Psy 4.02.
5. Wis. Adm. Code § PSY 4.02(1), promulgated pursuant to §§ 455.06 and 455.065, Stats., requires each licensee to complete at least 40 hours of board-approved continuing education in each biennial registration period to be eligible to register for the next biennial registration period.

6. Prior to October 1, 1997, the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing sent Respondent a form to execute and return with the required fee if Respondent wished to renew her license to practice psychology in the state of Wisconsin for the October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1999 biennium.

7. That renewal form contains the following language, immediately above the line which Respondent was to date and sign:

"I have, or will have completed the 40 contact hours of board-approved continuing education during the biennium immediately preceding this application (10/1/95-9/30/97), and I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Psychology Examining Board upon request."

8. Respondent signed and returned the renewal form certifying that Respondent had completed the required continuing education requirements of the Psychology Examining Board during the October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1997 biennium.

9. On July 20, 1998, as part of a random audit which the Psychology Examining Board conducted of its licensees, Respondent was sent a letter requesting Respondent to send the Board verification that Respondent had completed the 40 hours of continuing education, which Respondent had claimed to have completed prior to renewing Respondent's license for the October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1999 biennium.

10. Respondent did not respond to the July 20, 1998 request for verification that Respondent had completed the required continuing education.

11. On September 22, 1998, as follow-up to the July 20, 1998 letter, Respondent was sent a second letter requesting Respondent to send the Board verification that Respondent had completed the 40 hours of continuing education, which Respondent had claimed to have completed prior to renewing Respondent's license for the October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1999 biennium. That letter noted that Respondent had not answered the earlier letter.

12. Respondent did not respond to that second request for verification that Respondent had completed the required continuing education.

13. The Board referred the matter to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement for investigation and possible prosecution, and investigative file 99 PSY 003 was opened on January 25, 1999.

14. On March 20, 1999, Respondent sent a letter to the Board reporting that Respondent had not completed the required continuing education during the October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1997 biennium.

15. Respondent has agreed for personal reasons to surrender her license to practice psychology in the state of Wisconsin.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to § 455.09, Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to § 227.44(5), Stats.

3. Respondent, by signing the license renewal form which states "I have, or will have completed the 40 contact hours of board-approved continuing education during the biennium immediately preceding this application (10/1/95-9/30/97), and I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Psychology Examining Board upon request," is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § PSY 5.01(27) and § 455.09(1)(d), Stats.

4. Respondent, by failing to obtain 40 contact hours of board-approved continuing education during the biennium immediately preceding her application for the renewal of her license for the October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1999 biennium, as required by Wis. Adm. Code § PSY 4.01, is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § PSY 5.01(28) and § 455.09(1)(g), Stats.

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the surrender by Margaret Crosbie-Burnett, Ph.D., of her license to practice psychology in the state of Wisconsin is hereby accepted, effective immediately.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 1st day of September, 1999.

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Stephen F. Seaman, Ph.D.

Chairperson

Psychology Examining Board