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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
REX C. BACH, D.V.M.,

Respondent

ORDER EXTENDING THE STAY

On August 16, 1995, the Veterinary Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice as a veterinarian in Wisconsin was suspended for period of not less than five years, with provision for successive three-month stays of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that he participate in program of random, witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in his blood or urine on a frequency of not less than twice each week, with two additional screens to be performed each quarter, and that he surrender his DEA registration.

By letter dated August 23, 1996, respondent requested that his limited license be renewed and requested as well that the frequency of required urine screens be reduced, that the urine collection protocol be modified, and that he be permitted to apply for and hold a DEA registration. Respondent's supervising health care provider, David G. Benzer, D.O., supported the requests for a reduction in the number of required urine screens and to permit application for DEA registration. Dr. Benzer did not support any change in the screening procedures. Dr. Bach appeared before the board at its meeting of September 18, 1996, in support of his requests, and the board considered the matter on that date. By its Order dated October 1, 1996, the board reduced the number of required urine screens to one per week, but denied the requests to change the specimen collection protocol and to permit DEA registration.

Pursuant to the board's Order, Dr. Bach again appeared before the board at its meeting of October 15, 1997. He requested a further three month stay of the suspension, and renewed his requests for a change in the specimen collection protocol and that he permitted to apply for and hold a DEA registration. The board considered the requests on that date, and denied the request by its Order dated November 6, 1997.

By letter dated August 18, 1998, Dr. Bach requested a further three month stay of the suspension of his license, and requested as well that the frequency of required urine screens be reduced to twice per month. The board considered the request at its meeting of October 15, 1998, and modified the Order to decrease the frequency of Ketamine screen to two per month.

On September 29, 1999, the board considered Dr. Bach's request that the frequency of required drug screens be reduced to two per month. The board granted the request and extended the stay of the suspension of the license for an additional period of three months by its Order dated October 14, 1999.

On March 29, 2000, the board considered Dr. Bach's request for a further three month stay of the suspension. Based upon respondent's request, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Rex C. Bach, D.V.M., be, and hereby is, stayed for an additional period of three months.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

by _____

Diane Scott, D.V.M.

Chair