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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF :  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
:  
CHRIS A. PRO, : LS0901263HAD  
RESPONDENT :

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Division of Enforcement Case File # 04 HAD 021

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stats. § 227.53 are:

Chris A. Pro  
Miracle Ear Center  
5910 East State Street  
Rockford, IL 61108

Wisconsin Hearing and Speech Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Hearing and Speech Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable. Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation in this matter and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Chris A. Pro is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a Hearing Instrument Specialist, with license number 60-510. This license was first granted to him on June 6, 1983 and is current through January 31, 2009.
2. Mr. Pro's most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing (Department) is Miracle Ear Center, 5910 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61108.
3. Mr. Pro was required, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § HAS 8.03, to obtain 20 hours of Board approved continuing education programs or courses of study which pertain to the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing instruments in the biennial renewal period from 2/1/01 to 1/31/03.
4. Mr. Pro submitted an application signed and dated by him on January 16, 2003 for renewal of his license to practice as a hearing instrument specialist for the biennium from 2/1/03 to 1/31/05. In his application for renewal to practice as a hearing instrument specialist, Mr. Pro stated, "I will have completed 20 hours of board-approved continuing education appropriate to my area of practice between February 1, 2001 and January 31, 2003, and I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Hearing and Speech Examining Board upon request."

5. At the request of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, the Department contacted Mr. Pro for proof of having met the continuing education requirement for the 2/1/01 to 1/31/03 biennium. Mr. Pro submitted evidence of 9 approved hours of continuing education for the biennium.

6. In Mr. Pro's response to the Department's request for proof of continuing education for the 2001-2003 biennium, he included proof of completion of 28 hours of continuing education for the 1999-2001 biennium and 31 hours of continuing education for the 2003-2005 biennium.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing and Speech Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 459.10 and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44 (5).

2. By failing to complete 20 hours of board approved continuing education for the 2/1/01 to 1/31/03 biennium, Mr. Pro violated Wis. Admin. Code § HAS 8.03 (1).

3. By knowingly providing false information to the Hearing and Speech Examining Board in connection with his application for renewal, Mr. Pro violated Wis. Stat. § 459.10 (1) (a).

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the attached Stipulation is hereby accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Chris A. Pro (license # 60-510) is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Chris A. Pro shall pay a FORFEITURE in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$350.00) within 90 days of the date of this Order and shall pay COSTS in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) within 90 days of the date of this Order.

Payments shall be made by *certified check or money order*, payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and sent to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264

In the event that the Respondent (Chris A. Pro) fails to timely submit payment of the costs and forfeiture as set forth above, his license (60-510) **SHALL BE SUSPENDED**, without further hearing and without further Order of the Board, and said suspension shall continue until the full amount of the costs and forfeiture have been paid to the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that file 04 HAD 021 be closed.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

WISCONSIN HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

By: Okie E. Allen  
A member of the Board

