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STATE OF WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION

CHARLES F. ZANTOW, R.Ph., RESPONDENT.

AND ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. That Charles F. Zantow, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, was at all times relevant to the complaint filed in this matter duly registered under the provisions of Chapter 450, Wis. Stats., to practice as a pharmacist in the State of Wisconsin (License #R-8922, granted December 12, 1975).
- 2. That Respondent's address is 517 West Mifflin Street, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 3. That on or about February 12, 1979, Respondent presented for filling at the Corner Drug Store, Baraboo, Wisconsin, a prescription for fifty units of Demerol, 50 mg., a/k/a/ meperidine hydrochloride, a Schedule II controlled substance, and that said prescription had been forged by Respondent.
- 4. That on or about February 13, 1979, Respondent presented for filling at Troyers Rexall Drugs, Inc., Baraboo, Wisconsin, a prescription for fifty units of Tylenol #3, a/k/a acetaminophen with codeine, a Schedule III controlled substance; that said prescription had been forged by Respondent; and that Respondent obtained said controlled substance pursuant to said forged prescription.
- 5. That Respondent's actions in this matter were influenced by emotional strain and physical disability, including a diagnosed ailment described as ideo-pathic epilepsy.
- 6. That Respondent obtained and attempted to obtain the named controlled substances exclusively for his own use.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 7. That obtaining and attempting to obtain a controlled substance by the forgery of a prescription constitutes violation of sections 450.07(9)(a) and 161.43(a), Wis. Stats.
- 8. That pursuant to section 450.02(7), Wis. Stats., violation of Chapters 161 and 450, Wis. Stats., and of the rules of the examining board, constitutes a basis for reprimand or for suspension, limitation or revocation of Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacist in the State of Wisconsin.

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ORDER

That Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacist shall be, and hereby is, suspended for an indefinite period. Respondent's registration shall be reinstated upon application by Respondent and after submission to the Board of evidence satisfactory to the Board, including medical and psychiatric evaluations, that Respondent is physically and emotionally able to again successfully practice as a pharmacist. Such reinstatement of Respondent's registration shall be subject to limitations deemed advisable by the Board to insure Respondent's continuing ability to successfully practice as a pharmacist and any examination that the Board deems appropriate.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1980.

Robert L. Maile, R.Ph.

Chairman

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