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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF

RICHARD S. HELFFRICH, M.D.

ORDER GRANTING STAY

Applicant

On January 26, 1998, Dr. Helffrich filed his application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. Because Dr. Helffrich indicated on his application that disciplinary action had been taken against his license in the State of Alabama, he was asked to appear for oral examination in connection with his application. Dr. Helffrich appeared before the Medical Examining Board at its meeting of August 24, 2000, and the board considered his application on that date.

The board and Dr. Helffrich thereafter entered into a Stipulation, by which the board agreed to issue, and Dr. Helffrich (applicant) agreed to accept, a limited license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. Applicant was to sit for and successfully complete the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX), administered by the Federation of State Medical Boards. Thereafter, the term of the license was to be for three months. Applicant could apply for three month renewals of the license, and such renewals would be granted upon satisfactory evidence of having complied with the conditions and limitations set forth in the Order during the preceding three month period.

Applicant was to continue his course of treatment and therapy with a psychiatrist and/or psychologist satisfactory to the board, and is responsible for submission to the board of quarterly reports prepared by his treating psychiatrist or psychologist regarding applicant's course of treatment and his continuing ability to safely and competently practice medicine and surgery.

On January 23, 2002, the board granted Dr. Helffrich's request for a further three month extension in his license.

On April 24, 2002, the board considered Dr. Helffrich's request for a further three month stay of the suspension. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the limited license of Richard S. Helffrich, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin is hereby extended for a further period of three months.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2002.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Virginia S. Heinemann

Secretary