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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
FOR A HEARING INSTRUMENT

~~ORDER GRANTING FULL SPECIALIST LICENSE OF LICENSURE~~
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THOMAS W. TEPPER,
APPLICANT.

On June 7, 2002, Thomas W. Tepper, 1512 Franklin Street, Wausau, WI, submitted an application for a license to practice as a Hearing Instrument Specialist with the Hearing and Speech Examining Board. The Board reviewed Mr. Tepper's application on September 9, 2002 and December 2, 2002. Mr. Tepper's application reflects that the Office of Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) revoked his insurance intermediary licenses on January 25, 2001 based, in part, upon its determination that Mr. Tepper made false and misleading representations to the OCI during an investigation, and that he violated Wisconsin insurance laws by distributing false and misleading advertising concerning Medicare.

The Board and Mr. Tepper entered into a Stipulation by which the Board agreed to issue, and Mr. Tepper agreed to accept, a Limited License to practice as a Hearing Instrument Specialist. The Board's Final Decision and Order accepting the Stipulation was signed on March 10, 2003. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Board's Final Decision and Order read as follows:

3. Mr. Tepper shall arrange for the supervising Hearing Instrument Specialist (s) to submit a report to the Board, every 90 calendar days commencing the day after this Order is signed by the Board's designee. In the reports, the supervisor (s) shall describe the nature of the supervision provided to Mr. Tepper and shall certify that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, Mr. Tepper complied with all state and federal laws that relate to the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids during the relevant time period.

4. Upon a showing by Mr. Tepper of complete, successful and continuous compliance for a period of one (1) year with the terms of this Order, the Board may grant a petition for removal of the limitation on Mr. Tepper's license and/or revise or eliminate any of the conditions contained in paragraphs 1-3 above, if it determines that Mr. Tepper is capable of practicing in a manner that safeguards the interests of the public.

On or about June 11, 2004, Mr. Tepper requested that the Board issue a full and unrestricted license to him. The Board considered Mr. Tepper's request for full licensure at its meeting on August 2, 2004. Based upon the record in this matter, the Board makes the following order:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the limitations placed upon the license of Thomas W. Tepper to practice as a Hearing Instrument Specialist are removed and that his license be, and hereby is, restored to full licensure.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2004.

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

Gerard L. Kupperman, Chairman