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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RICHARD H. MCCONNELL, D.V.M.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0001162.

[Division of Enforcement Case # 11 VET 016]

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Richard H. McConnell, D.V.M.
1060 Rustic Road #4
Glenwood City, WI 54013

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53708-8935

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Richard H. McConnell, D.V.M. ("Respondent"), was born on August 7, 1938, and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin (license #6586-50). This license was first granted on March 7, 2011.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board is 1060 Rustic Road #4, Glenwood City, WI 54013.

3. On July 27, 2010, Respondent issued a Wisconsin Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for the movement of two dogs from Glenwood City, Wisconsin to Missoula, Montana. The veterinarian in Montana determined the CVI was not compliant with Montana state regulations because there was not a permit number from the Montana Department of Livestock prior to the animals' movement.

4. Respondent had recorded his license number as C3864 on the CVI. Upon further investigation, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) discovered the license number C3864 did not correspond with Respondent's Wisconsin veterinary license. C3864 is Respondent's veterinary license number in Minnesota. The DATCP searched the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing website for "Richard McConnell". The search produced zero results.

5. On December 16, 2010, a DATCP agent questioned Respondent about not having a Wisconsin veterinary license. Respondent replied that "he needed to get on that."

6. On December 30, 2010, Respondent applied for a Wisconsin veterinary license. On the Wisconsin veterinary license application, it asks for the applicant to outline in chronological order all post-graduate training, practice and activities.

7. Respondent has worked as a veterinarian at the St. Croix Valley Veterinary Clinic in Glenwood City, Wisconsin since 1999. Respondent did not include his work history at St. Croix Valley Veterinary Clinic.

8. Respondent fraudulently signed an affidavit on the license application saying that "all answers set for are each and all strictly true in every respect. I understand that failure to provide requested information, making any materially false statement and/or giving any materially false information" may result in revocation of the license.

9. Respondent was granted a Wisconsin veterinary license (#6586-50) on March 7, 2011. Respondent practiced without a valid veterinary license in Wisconsin from 1999 until March 7, 2011.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Veterinarian Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent's conduct of giving materially false information in connection with an application for a license to the examining board, constitutes a violation of Wis. Stat. § 453.07(1)(a).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Richard H. McConnell, D.V.M. (#6586-50) to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin is **REVOKED**.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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

3. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

By: 
A Member of the Board

10-19-11
Date