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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STEVEN R. BRANDENBURG, R.PH.,
RESPONDENT.

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INTERIM ORDER

ORDER 0007148

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 PHM 179

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

Steven R. Brandenburg, R.Ph.
Saukville, WI 53080

Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the interim disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steven R. Brandenburg, R.Ph. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1974) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a pharmacist, having license number 12688-40, first issued on August 22, 1997, and current through May 31, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Saukville, Wisconsin 53080.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a pharmacist at a medical facility (Facility), located in Grafton, Wisconsin.

3. On two separate occasions, December 24 and 25, 2020, Respondent while working at the Facility, allegedly removed COVID-19 vaccine from refrigeration with the alleged intent of rendering the vaccine ineffective. The Facility discharged Respondent shortly thereafter.

4. Criminal charges are under consideration by law enforcement and/or have been filed concerning Respondent's actions.

5. On January 4, 2021, the Department's Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) opened an investigation of Respondent on behalf of the Board concerning the circumstances referenced in paragraphs 3 and 4.

6. As of the date of this Order, the Board has not made a determination as to whether Respondent violated any statutes or rules related to his practice as a pharmacist.

7. Respondent voluntarily agrees to enter into this Order in order to focus on the anticipated criminal case(s) and understands that DLSC Case No. 20 PHM 179 will remain open and under investigation.

8. Respondent voluntarily agrees not to engage in the practice of pharmacy (including working in or for a pharmacy in any capacity) pending final resolution of anticipated and/or actual criminal proceedings referenced in paragraph 5, and the disciplinary proceedings associated with DLSC Case No. 20 PHM 179.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The license of Respondent to practice pharmacy in the state of Wisconsin (license number 12688-40) is SUSPENDED as of the date of this Order.

3. Respondent shall not engage in the practice of pharmacy, or work at or for a pharmacy in any capacity, while his license is suspended.

4. The suspension shall continue until the Board issues a Final Decision and Order in DLSC Case No. 20 PHM 179.

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STIPULATION
FOR INTERIM ORDER
ORDER 0007148

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 PHM 179

Respondent Steven R. Brandenburg, R.Ph., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into in the course of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance.
2. Respondent is aware of his right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Jason D. Baltz.
3. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Interim Order by the Pharmacy Examining Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Interim Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the attached Interim Order, if adopted in the form as attached.
4. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.
5. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.
6. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Interim Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

7. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.

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License no. 12688-40

1-8-2021
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