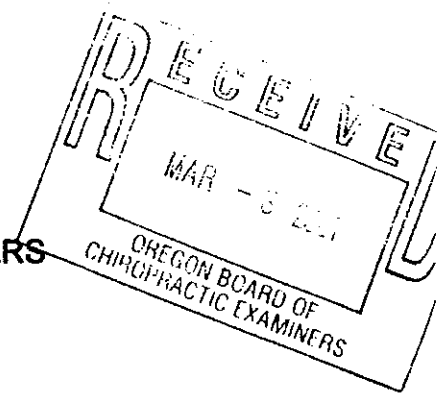


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BEFORE THE
OREGON BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS



In the Matter of)
)
) Stipulated Final Order
Thomas Richards D.C.)
)
) 99-3011, 2000-1028
Licensee.)

1.

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining chiropractic physicians in the State of Oregon. Thomas Richards D.C. (Licensee), has been licensed by the Board to practice as a chiropractic physician in Oregon, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2.

In December 1994 Licensee signed a Stipulated Final Order to resolve Case # 93-1043 agreeing to violations of ORS 684.100 (1)(g)(A) and OAR 811-035-005(6). That order included a permanent limitation on Licensee requiring a chaperone to be present at all times when treating or examining female patients. That order is hereby incorporated by reference and included herein.

3.

Upon investigation of new reports in 1999 and 2000 and complaints against Licensee the Board determined and Licensee admits to treating or examining female patients on multiple occasions without a chaperone present in violation of the Stipulated Final Order.

4.

Conclusions of Law

The board, having jurisdiction over this matter finds that licensee's conduct violates the order in case # 93-1043 and is in violation of ORS 684.100(1)(g)(A).

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5.

This matter having come properly before and been considered by the Board, and Licensee having voluntarily stipulated and consented to the issuance and entry of this order by signing below,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

- a) Licensee is voluntarily retiring from chiropractic practice and agrees that he will not apply for renewal of his license to practice when that license expires on July 31, 2001, and will not apply for a license in Oregon again,
- b) Licensee agrees to abide by the terms of the existing Stipulated Final Order in case # 93-1043 to have a chaperone present at all times when treating female patients for the remainder of time in practice.
- d) Licensee waives his right to a hearing in this matter or any right of appeal of this final order.

This Stipulated Final Order memorializes the entire agreement between Licensee and the Board. I have read and fully understand all of the above Stipulated Final Order and agree fully to its terms.

DATED this 27 day of February, 2001.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

By: Original signature on file
at the OBCE office.
Dave McTeague, Executive Director

DATED this 7 day of March February, 2001.

Original signature on file
at the OBCE office. TRC
Thomas Richards, D.C.