STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
PETROS VOSKERCHIAN, D.V.M.	*	**DOCKET NO. 08-97**
LICENSE NO. 6131	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 4th day of ~~February~~ MARCH CHR 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Petros Voskerchian, D.V.M. ("Dr. Voskerchian"), License No. 6131. This Agreement resolves a charging document filed by the Board in November of 2008 alleging that Dr. Voskerchian violated § 2-310(6) of the Maryland Veterinary Practices Act. Of relevance to this Agreement & Order, the Board charged that Dr. Voskerchian failed to report on his April 11, 2007, license application and subsequent 2008 and 2009 fiscal year veterinary registration applications that there was a pending disciplinary action against him in Ohio from that State's Veterinary Medical Licensing Board, ultimately resulting in that Board issuing a letter of reprimand on June 13, 2007. On October 1, 2008, Dr. Voskerchian requested a Hearing before the Board as to the Board's Charges.

Under State law, the Board is the licensing authority responsible for regulating the practice of veterinary medicine in this State, which includes filing disciplinary actions against veterinarians charged with violating provisions of the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article §§ 2-301 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland and regulations adopted hereunder. As part of its authority, the Board "may refuse, suspend, or revoke any application or license, and censure or place on probation any licensee . . . if the veterinarian . . . [f]ails to comply with Board rules and

regulations after receiving a license." Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310(8). In addition, the Board may also impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 in lieu of or in addition to the suspending a veterinarian's license. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310.1.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A Pre-Hearing Case Resolution Conference was held in this matter on December 11, 2008. The Conference was attended by Dr. Voskerchian and his attorney, Jeremy R. Krum, Esquire, along with three Board members and Assistant Attorney General, Claudia Diamond, Esquire. At the conference, Dr. Voskerchian acknowledged that the Board had sufficient evidence to conclude that, in violation of Agricultural Article § 2-310(6), Annotated Code of Maryland, Dr. Voskerchian failed to report on his April 11, 2007 license application and subsequent 2008 and 2009 veterinary registration applications that there was a disciplinary pending action in Ohio and that said action resulted in a letter of reprimand by the Ohio Board on June 13, 2007. At the Case Resolution Conference, Dr. Voskerchian explained to the Board that the omission was genuinely inadvertent, and Dr. Voskerchian at no time intended to mislead the Board or to obtain his Maryland veterinary license by misrepresentation. The Board acknowledged that Dr. Voskerchian was very candid and forthcoming, and the Board recognized that Dr. Voskerchian demonstrated his willingness to take reasonable steps to establish his professionalism and qualifications with the Board, and to prevent similar events from occurring.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 4th day of March CHR ~~February~~ ____, 2009, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that:

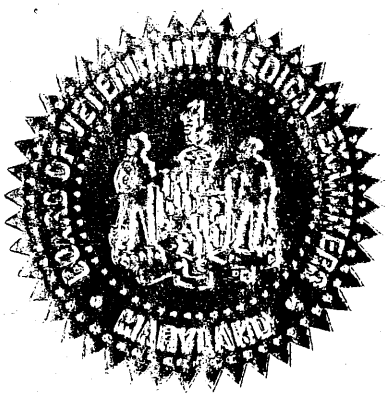
1. Dr. Voskerchian is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $800.00;

2. Dr. Voskerchian is placed on a period of probation for two years from the date of this Agreement & Order requiring him to obey all laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Maryland. During this probationary period, Dr. Voskerchian will allow the Board and/or the Board's investigators access to conduct periodic inspections of Dr. Voskerchian's facility and veterinary medical records should he decide to open his own private practice in the State of Maryland.

3. Dr. Voskerchian will accept a mentoring arrangement should Dr. Voskerchian accept employment as a veterinarian in the State of Maryland during his probationary period. Dr. Voskerchian shall notify Laura Downes, Executive Director, that a mentor needs to be assigned within one month of accepting employment in Maryland. If Dr. Voskerchian is employed in a multi-practitioner facility, he may request that his employer act as his mentor. Alternatively, if Dr. Voskerchian is employed as a solo practitioner, a mentor will be assigned to him by the Board. To the extent there are any objections to the assigned mentor, upon reasonable notice and for good cause, the Board will assign an alternate mentor. The conditions governing this mentorship will be worked out between the mentor and Dr. Voskerchian. At a minimum, the mentor will provide the Board with quarterly reports concerning Dr. Voskerchian's practice during his probationary period for one year. Any disputes regarding the conditions of the mentoring arrangement will be resolved by the Board. To the extent there are costs affiliated with the mentor, including, but not limited to, a reasonable stipend for the mentor's time, travel and other related expenditures, such costs will be borne by Dr. Voskerchian, total costs not to exceed $2,000.00.

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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President
Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners



CONSENT

I, Petros Voskerchian, acknowledge that I have had an opportunity to consult with legal counsel before entering into and signing this document. By this Consent, I hereby acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board over this matter and to issue and enforce this Consent Agreement and Order. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order, consisting of three pages.

I sign this Consent as my voluntary act after an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

2-13-09
Date

Petros Voskerchian, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery County

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 13th day of February, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Petros Voskerchian D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

CAMELLIA MOBASHER
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires January 10, 2012

2/13/09
Notary Public

My Commission expires: