

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
THOMAS S. CHAMBERS	*	BOARD OF MORTICIANS
Respondent	*	AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS
License Number: M00670	*	Case Number: 10-045

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ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT

BACKGROUND

On June 10, 2010, The Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (the "Board") and Thomas S. Chambers, License Number M00670 (the "Respondent") entered into a Pre-Charge Consent Order (the "Order") which is incorporated by reference, and attached herewith, as if fully set forth herein and remains in full force and effect and by which the May 3, 2010 Summary Suspension of the Respondent's license to practice mortuary science was continued for a minimum of thirty (30) days from the effective date of the Order subject to certain enumerated conditions.¹

The Order provided, among other things, that the Respondent's suspension would be lifted and his license to practice mortuary science would be reinstated upon Board's inspector's determination that deficiencies noted in the April 27, 2010 funeral home inspection report had been corrected. On or about June 27, 2010, the inspector reported that the required corrections were completed. The Respondent was notified that his license would be reinstated pursuant to the Order. He returned to active practice on or about June 26, 2010.

¹ A Show Cause hearing was held on May 24, 2010, at which time it was agreed that the Board and the Respondent would enter into a Pre-Charge Consent Agreement.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 3, 2010, the Board summarily suspended the Respondent's license to practice mortuary science.
2. The Board held a Show Cause hearing on May 24, 2010.
3. On June 10, 2010 parties entered into a Pre Charge Consent Order ...
4. On or about June 24, 2010, the Respondent was notified that he has fulfilled the requirements for reinstatement of his license to practice mortuary science.
5. On or about June 26, 2010, the Respondent returned to active practice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors concludes as a matter of law that, subject to further conditions pursuant to the Pre Charge Consent Order dated June 10, 2010 (the "Order"), the Respondent meets the requirements for reinstatement of his Maryland morticians license.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, this 11th day of November, 2010, by the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors hereby:

ORDERED that the Maryland morticians license of the Respondent, Thomas S. Chambers is **REINSTATED** effective, June 24, 2010; and it is further

ORDERED the Pre Charge Consent Order dated June 10, 2010, remains in full force and effect; and is further

ORDERED that the Respondent's probation commenced on June 26, 2010; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent's failure to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Order for Reinstatement hereby imposed shall be deemed a violation and of this Order for Reinstatement and of the Pre Charge Consent Order, and the Respondent may be subject to additional charges by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Morticians and Funeral Directors Act and regulations. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this Order for Reinstatement and of the Pre Charge Consent Order, as well as subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall obey all laws of the United States, the State of Maryland and its political subdivisions. A guilty verdict or probation before judgment for any crime which was committed after the date of this Order for Reinstatement, except minor traffic offenses, shall constitute a violation of this Order for Reinstatement and of the Consent Order, for which the Board may impose any penalty it deems appropriate; and it is further


ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any of the terms of this Order for Reinstatement and of the Consent Order, the Board may immediately **SUSPEND** Respondent's license without either prior notice or an opportunity to be heard, provided the Respondent is given an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board at the next scheduled meeting of the Board and after notice and a hearing, and of a

determination of violation, the Board may impose any other disciplinary sanctions it deems appropriate, including but not limited to revocation or suspension, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and it is further

ORDERED that should the Board receive a report that the Respondent's practice is a threat to the public health, welfare and safety, the Board may take immediate action against the Respondent, including suspension or revocation, providing notice and an opportunity to be heard are provided to the respondent in a reasonable time thereafter; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order for Reinstatement is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Article, §§ 10-611 *et seq.*

Date: 11/10/10



Hari P. Close,
President
State Board of Morticians and
Funeral Directors