IN THE MATTER OF

\* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

CRYSTAL D. CORBETT, DRT

\* STATE BOARD OF

Respondent

\* DENTAL EXAMINERS

Certificate Number: 13299

\* Case Number: 2018-008

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### **CONSENT ORDER**

On April 18, 2018, the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") charged **CRYSTAL D. CORBETT, DRT** ("Dental Radiation Technologist")(the "Respondent"), License Number 13299, with violating the Maryland Dentistry Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.).

Specifically, the Board charged the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Act and COMAR:

## Health Occ. § 4-505. Certification of dental radiation technologists.

- (a) "Dental radiation technologists" and "practice dental radiation technology" defined; rules and regulations; competency requirements. The Board of Dental Examiners shall:
  - (2) Adopt rules and regulations concerning qualifications, training, certification, monitoring of, and enforcement requirements for a dental radiation technologist[.]
- (d) Certification required for practice. After July 1, 1988, an individual may not practice dental radiation technology unless certified by the Board.

# COMAR 10.44.19.12. Penalties for Violations of These Regulations.

A. Subject to the hearing provisions of this chapter, the Board may . . . reprimand any certified dental radiation technologist, place any certified dental radiation technologist on probation, or suspend or

revoke the certificate of any certified dental radiation technologist, if the holder of the certificate:

- (6) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board; [and]
- (15) Behaves dishonorably or unprofessionally.

### COMAR 10.44.19.02. Certification Required.

An individual shall be currently certified by the Board as a dental radiation technologist before the individual may practice dental radiation technology on a human being in this State.

#### COMAR 10.44.19.08. Prohibitions.

A. An individual may not practice dental radiation technology on a human being in this State unless the individual is certified by the Board as a dental radiation technologist.

On August 1, 2018, a Case Resolution Conference ("CRC") was held before a committee of the Board. As a resolution of this matter, the Respondent agreed to enter this public Consent Order consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

- 1. The Respondent was originally certified to practice dental radiation technology in the State of Maryland on April 12, 2006, under Certificate Number 13299.
- 2. On March 1, 2011, the Respondent allowed her Maryland dental radiation technologist certificate to expire without filing for a renewal.
- 3. On or about May 22, 2017, the Board received an *Application for Reinstatement of Dental Radiation Technologist Certificate* (the "Reinstatement Application") from the Respondent.

4. In the Reinstatement Application, the Respondent enclosed a written statement, which stated, "I Crystal D. Corbett have been taking and placement of Dental x-rays at Dr. Sam Azoulay DDS, at 8383 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD from 10-16 – present." The Respondent's statement was signed before a notary public.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent's practice of dental radiation technology since October 2016 in Maryland on an expired dental radiation technologist certificate constitutes: violating any rule or regulation adopted by the Board, *i.e.* COMAR 10.44.19.02 and COMAR 10.44.19.08A, in violation of Health Occ. I § 4-505(a)(2) and (d), and COMAR 10.44.19.12A(6); and behaving dishonorably or unprofessionally, in violation of Health Occ. I § 4-505(a)(2) and COMAR 10.44.19.12A(15).

## <u>ORDER</u>

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent be and hereby is **REPRIMANDED**, and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum of **ONE (1) YEAR.** During the probationary period, the Respondent shall comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

(1) Within **one** (1) **year** from the date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall make an anonymous donation of \$500.00 to a Board-approved charity;

- (2) Within **one** (1) **year** from the date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall perform **ten** (10) **hours** of Board-approved pro bono community service or dental services;
- (3) Within one (1) year of the date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall successfully complete a Board-approved course, equivalent to two (2) continuing education credits, focusing on professional ethics. The Respondent may take the professional ethics course online. The Respondent shall be responsible for submitting written verification to the Board of her successful completion of the course within ten (10) days of the completion of the course. The Respondent understands and agrees that she may not use this coursework to fulfill any requirements mandated for DRT certificate renewal; and
- (4) The Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Dentistry Act and all laws, statutes and regulations pertaining thereof.

YEAR probationary period, the Respondent may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the Board. The Respondent may be required to appear before the Board or a committee of the Board to discuss her petition for termination. The Board may grant the petition to terminate the probation if the Respondent has complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints of similar violation; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Board determines, after notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing before the Board if there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact or a show cause hearing before the Board if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, that the Respondent has failed to comply with any terms or condition of probation or this Consent Order, the Board may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on

probation with appropriate terms and conditions, impose a civil monetary fine upon the Respondent, or suspend or revoke the Respondent's license to practice dentistry in Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, unless stated otherwise in the order, any time period prescribed in this order begins when the Consent Order goes into effect. The Consent Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Board Chair; and is further

**ORDERED** that this Consent Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md.

Code Ann., Gen. Provisions §§ 4-101 et seq. (2014).

9/5/18 Date

Arthur C. Jee, D.M.D.

**Board President** 

Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

### **CONSENT**

I, Crystal D. Corbett, DRT, acknowledge that I had the opportunity to be represented by counsel and elected not to consult with counsel before entering this Consent Order. By this Consent and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and

to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge these allegations. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed after any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with counsel, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order.

Date

S-20-18

Crystal D. Corbett, DRT

Respondent

## **NOTARY**

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF frace George's

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notary seal.



Notary Public

My commission expires:  $\sqrt{31/2001}$ 

