

IN THE MATTER OF  
LAURENN BECK, D.R.T.  
CERTIFICATE NO. 13768

Respondent

\* BEFORE THE STATE  
\* STATE BOARD  
\* OF  
\* DENTAL EXAMINERS  
\* Case Number: 2010-102

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**ORDER**

On December 21, 2011, the State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") charged Laurenn Beck, Dental Radiation Technologist, DRT (the "Respondent"), with violation of certain provisions of the Consent Order signed by the Respondent on May 20, 2010 and by the Board on June 15, 2011 (*sic*). The Board held a hearing on this matter on March 7, 2012. A quorum of the Board was present. Roberta Gill, Administrative Prosecutor, presented the State's case against the Respondent.

The hearing was scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. In order to give Ms. Beck every opportunity to appear before the Board at the hearing, the Board gave Ms. Beck an additional 15 minutes to arrive. Even with the additional time allotted, Ms. Beck failed to appear. Given that Ms. Beck did not request a postponement for the hearing, the Board was left with no other option but to start the hearing in her absence. The Board did not start the hearing until just after 1:15 p.m. Ms. Gill proffered that she had been in contact with Ms. Beck. Further, Ms. Gill was informed by Ms. Beck that she had received the charging document, but likely would not attend the hearing. In accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 4-318(g), the Board held the hearing *ex parte*.

## SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

Ms. Gill called one witness, Ms. Sharon Oliver, who is the Board's Compliance Secretary. The Board found Ms. Oliver to be a very credible witness. Her answers were full, complete and consistent. Ms. Oliver had a calm demeanor that added to her credibility. The state introduced Exhibits 1 – 13b into evidence. The Board makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law based on its review of the entire record.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following findings of facts:

1. The Respondent is certified to practice dental radiation technology in Maryland. The Respondent was first certified on December 27, 2006. The Respondent's certificate expires March 1, 2013.
2. On May 20, 2010 the Respondent signed a non-public Consent Order that appeared to be signed by the Board on June 15, 2011. However, the date of receipt at the Board's office is 2010 and all other dates are 2010; therefore, it appears, that the Board President dated the Order with the wrong date. The Respondent had failed to timely renew her DRT certification and had taken radiographs on two occasions after it had expired.

Therefore, the Board and the Respondent entered into a Consent Order based on the following:

- A. By November 17, 2010, the Respondent is to submit an anonymous certified, cashier's check or money order in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) to a designated organization that provides dentistry for those who could not afford it;
- B. By November 29, 2010, the Respondent shall submit proof to the Board that that anonymous donation has been made;

C. By November 17, 2010, the Respondent will have completed 10 hours of Board-approved *pro bono* community service or 10 hours of Board approved *pro bona* dental services which the Respondent may lawfully perform.

### **FACTS REGARDING THE VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDER**

3. The Consent Order provides, *inter afia*, that if Respondent violates any conditions of this Order, after providing the Respondent with notice and an opportunity for a hearing, the Board may impose any sanction it deems appropriate, including suspension or revocation, of her dental radiation technologist certification.

4. The Respondent failed to comply with any of the above conditions. Specifically, despite numerous reminders and conversations with the Respondent, the Respondent failed to complete the *pro bono* requirements or make the anonymous donation. In fact, despite signing and having the Consent Order notarized, the Respondent denied ever receiving the Order and being bound by it.

5. By failing to comply with the terms of the Consent Order, the Respondent is in violation thereof and is subject to sanctions.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 4-505(a) (2). The Respondent's actions, as described above, constitute, in whole or in part, a violation of the following provision of COMAR 10. 44.19.11(A)(12): fails to comply with a Board order. Ms. Beck did not make the required donation. Ms. Beck did not donate *pro bono* services.

**ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that the license of the Respondent to practice as a D.R.T. in the State of Maryland is hereby **REVOKED**.

4/10/2012  
Date

T. Earl Flanagan, Jr. DDS  
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Maryland Board of Dental Examiners

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board under Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 4- 319(a) may take a direct judicial appeal within thirty (30) days as provided by Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 4- 319(b), Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-222 and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules, including Md. Rule 7-203 ("Time for Filing Action").