

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
VERNON REESE, O.D.	*	MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF
License No.: 00584	*	EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
Respondent	*	Case Number: 2002-015
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**ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION**

On January 24, 2005, Vernon Reese, O.D., License Number 00584 (the "Respondent") entered into a Consent Order (the "Order") with the Maryland Board of Examiners in Optometry (the "Board"). The Order stated that Respondent had violated Maryland Health Occ. Code Ann. ("HO") § 11-313(2), (7), (21) and (23) and HO § 11-404(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), as well as Code Md. Regs. tit. 10, § 28.11.03.

The Order placed Respondent's optometry license on suspension for a period of six (6) months, beginning January 24, 2005. During the suspension, Respondent was required to complete the following conditions:

- a) Return to the Board his wallet and display licenses within ten (10) days of the date of the Order;
- b) Provide to the Board a list of his active patients for the past five (5) years within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order;
- c) Provide to the Board documentation that he has referred his active patients to an ophthalmologist (M.D.) or a therapeutically certified optometrist within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order;

- d) Successfully complete ten (10) hours of a one-on-one, Board pre-approved, ethics tutorial;
- e) Take and pass six (6) hours of Board pre-approved continuing education credits that focus on record keeping and insurance coding, which are not to be counted toward the continuing education requirements for biennial renewal; and
- f) Take and pass the Maryland law examination.

Additionally, the Order provided that there would be no automatic termination of suspension after six (6) months and that Respondent must petition the Board to lift the suspension.

Respondent has complied with the above conditions and has petitioned the Board to terminate his suspension and to reinstate his license in order that he may begin his probation.

Therefore, it is this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, by the Maryland State Board of Examiners in Optometry, hereby

**ORDERED** that the suspension of the Maryland optometry license of Vernon Reese, O.D. is **LIFTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Dr. Reese's Maryland optometry license is placed on **PROBATION** for a period of three (3) years pursuant to the all of the conditions and requirements of the Consent Order dated January 24, 2005; and it is further

**ORDERED** that in the event that the Board finds for any reason in good faith that Dr. Reese has violated the Maryland Optometry Act, Maryland Health

Occ. Code Ann. §§ 11-101 *et seq.* (2000 Repl. Vol. & 2004 Supp.), or if Dr. Reese violates this Order Lifting Suspension by violating any of the conditions of probation as articulated in the Consent Order dated January 24, 2005, the Board, after notification to the Respondent, and an opportunity for a hearing, may take immediate action and may impose any lawful disciplinary sanctions it deems appropriate, including but not limited to revocation or suspension of Dr. Reese's optometry license. The burden of proof for any action brought against Dr. Reese as a result of a breach of the conditions of this Order Lifting Suspension or the Consent Order dated January 24, 2005 shall be on Dr. Reese to demonstrate compliance with said orders; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the terms and conditions of the Consent Order dated January 24, 2005 **remain in full force and effect.** Specifically, during Dr. Reese's probation, his practice shall be (1) monitored by a Board-approved consultant and (2) subject to random reviews by the Board, as outlined in the Consent Order dated January 24, 2005; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Respondent shall not administer diagnostic pharmaceutical agents and/or therapeutic pharmaceutical agents unless and until he has been appropriately certified by the Board to do so; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the conditions and prerequisites for termination of Respondent's probation, as outlined in the Consent Order dated January 24, 2005, are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Dr. Reese shall practice optometry in accordance with the Maryland Optometry Act, in a safe and competent manner, and shall refrain from engaging in the type of activity that led to this disciplinary action. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this Order Lifting Suspension; and it is further

**ORDERED** that any violation of this Order Lifting Suspension shall constitute unprofessional conduct in the practice of optometry; and it is further

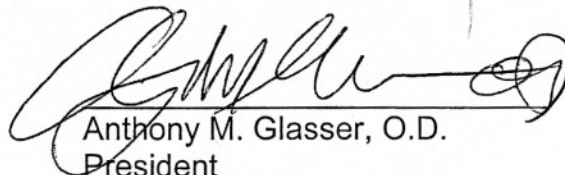
**ORDERED** that for purposes of public disclosure, as permitted by Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-617(h) (2004 Repl. Vol.), this document is an order resulting from formal disciplinary action; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order Lifting Suspension is a final order of the Maryland Board of Examiners in Optometry and, as such, a Public Document and is reportable to any entity to which the Board is obligated to report, and is disclosable under the Maryland Public Information Act, Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 *et seq.* (2004 Repl. Vol.); and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order Lifting Suspension shall be effective as of the dated that it is signed by the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July,  
2005.

By:



Anthony M. Glasser, O.D.  
President  
Maryland State Board of  
Examiners in Optometry