IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND

ASHLEY ANN FEENEY

* STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN *

RESPONDENT * CASE NO: 25-197

REGISTRATION NO.: T31195 *

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the registration of **ASHLEY ANN FEENEY** (the "Respondent"), Registration Number: **T31195**, to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health. Occ.") §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.).

The Board takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.), concluding that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to the Board, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by, and made known to and available to

the Board, including the instances described below, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

- 1. The Respondent was originally issued a registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on or about December 29, 2024. The Respondent's registration expires on or about September 30, 2026.
- 2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed at a pharmacy, a national retain chain, (the "Pharmacy")² located in Carroll County, Maryland. The Respondent began working at the Pharmacy in June 2024. The Respondent was terminated by Pharmacy staff on or about December 4, 2024.
- 3. On or about December 27, 2024, the Pharmacy staff submitted DEA Form 106 Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances "DEA Form 106". The DEA Form 106 identified the type of theft or loss as" "Employee Theft (or Suspected)" and listed the theft or loss as 1,093 tablets of Phentermine HCL 37.5 mg.³
- 4. Pharmacy staff reviewed closed-circuit television that showed the Respondent removing Phentermine from the pharmacy shelf on four occasions between November 6, 2024, and November 30, 2024.

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis for the Board's action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in this matter.

² For confidentiality and privacy purposes, the names of individuals and the pharmacy involved in this case are not disclosed in this document. Upon written request, the Administrative Prosecutor will provide the information to the Respondent.

³ Phentermine HC is a chemical stimulant that helps patients lose weight by activating the central nervous system to suppress appetite and boost energy.

- 5. On December 4, 2024, the Respondent was interviewed by Pharmacy staff. During the interview, the Respondent verbally and in a written statement admitted to stealing Phentermine from October 2024 to November 30, 2024. The Respondent further admitted that she also sold the medication that she had stolen from the Pharmacy.
 - 6. Following the interview, the Respondent was terminated by Pharmacy staff.
- 7. On or about December 5, 2024, the Respondent was charged in the District Court for Carrol County, Maryland with one count of Theft Scheme: \$100 to less than \$1,500.
- 8. On about January 29, 2025, the Respondent pleaded guilty in the District Court for Carroll County. Maryland to Theft Scheme: \$100 to less than \$1,500. The Respondent was found guilty. The Respondent received a six (6) month suspended sentence and two (2) years' supervised probation. The Respondent was also ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$546.42 and pay court costs.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. § 10-226(c) (2) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this day of March 2025, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby

ORDERED that the registration issued to the Respondent to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under registration number: T31195 is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent has the opportunity to appear before the Board for a post-deprivation show cause hearing for a determination of whether the Summary Suspension should be continued. A request for a post-deprivation show cause hearing must be made in writing to the Board and be made WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS of the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent fails to request a post-deprivation show cause hearing in writing in a timely manner, or if the Respondent requests a post-deprivation show cause hearing but fails to appear before the Board when the hearing is scheduled, the Respondent's registration shall remain **SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately return all registrations (wall and wallet sized) to the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this <u>Order for Summary Suspension</u> is a **PUBLIC** document, as defined in Md. Code Ann., General Provision §§ 4-101 *et seq.* & § 4-333 (2019 Rep. Vol. & 2024 Supp.).

5-11-25Date

Deena Speights Napata, M. A. Executive Director

Maryland Board of Pharmacy