

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
PATRICIA FLOWERS, Pharm Tech	*	STATE BOARD
Registration No.: T10562	*	OF
Respondent	*	PHARMACY
	*	Case No: PT-13-006/13-206
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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to Patricia Flowers, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-101, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on April 4, 2012. The Respondent's registration expires on December 31, 2013.
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a National pharmacy chain located in Oxon Hill, Maryland.
3. On July 15, 2012, Loss Prevention personnel at the pharmacy received information from a detective investigating the Respondent that she had taken pills from the pharmacy. When questioned by Loss Prevention, the Respondent claimed that the

pills, Adderall, used for hyperactivity disorder, and which are a controlled substance available by prescription only, fell into her smock by accident and she took them home without paying for them, against company policy. As a result of this admission, she was terminated from employment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 12th day of December, 2012, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted by the Board by Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T10562, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that, upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of the request, at which the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Summary Suspension should be continued, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a Pharm Tech and the danger to the public; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board her wall

certificate and wallet-sized registration to practice as a Pharm Tech issued by the Board;
and be it further

ORDERED, that this document constitutes a final Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.).



Laverne G. Naesea, Executive Director
Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE OF HEARING

A Show Cause hearing to determine whether the Summary Suspension shall be continued will be held before the Board at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, 21215 following a written request by the Respondent for same.