

John Barron Pharm.D.



1/19/22

Date:

Jennifer Hardesty Pharm.D., President
and Members of the Board
State Board of Pharmacy
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Surrender of Pharmacist License
License Number: 26977
Case Number: 20-455

Dear Dr. Hardesty and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice pharmacy in the State of Maryland, License Number 26977. I understand that I may not give pharmacy advice or treatment to any individual, with or without supervision and/or compensation, and cannot practice pharmacy as it is defined in the Pharmacy Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (Health Occ.) §§ 12 -101, *et seq.*, (2021 Repl. Vol.). In other words, as of 1/19/22 ^{1/25/22 DSW}, the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC** document.

My decision to surrender my license to practice pharmacy in Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my licensure by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board").

The Board's investigation resulted in charges under the Act.

Specifically, the Board charged me with the commission of prohibited acts under Health Occ. §12-313.

- (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then

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serving, may deny a license to any applicant for a pharmacist's license, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license of a pharmacist if the applicant or licensee:

- (24) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes [;].

The disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes includes, but is not limited to the following:

Health Occ. §12-313

- (2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license;
- (8) Willfully fails to file or record any report that is required by law;
- (15) Dispenses any drug, device, or diagnostic for which a prescription is required without a written, oral, or electronically transmitted prescription from an authorized prescriber;
- (16) Except as provided in §12-506 of this title, unless an authorized prescriber authorizes the refill, refills a prescription for any drug, device, or diagnostic for which a prescription is required;

I affirm that I was served with a copy of the charging document and have otherwise been advised on the Board's actions through communications with representatives of the Office of the Attorney General and the Board.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice pharmacy in Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the aforementioned charges. The basis for the charges against me includes the findings of the investigations described above based upon my providing drugs requiring a prescription to my fiancée when I did not have a prescription to provide these drugs to her. By virtue of this Letter of Surrender, I waive any right to contest those charges and findings. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. **I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I**

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am waiving any right to contest these findings in a formal evidentiary hearing at 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 law, including the right to appeal.

I hereby affirm that I have permanently terminated any practice that I had in Maryland.

I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my Maryland pharmacist license number 26977, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise any National Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender, and in any response to inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in *lieu* of disciplinary action under the Act as resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender, and all underlying documents, may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol. and 2021 Supp.).

I further recognize and agree that by agreeing to this Letter of Surrender that my license will remain surrendered forever. In other words, I agree never to apply for reinstatement of my pharmacist license in the State of Maryland.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have not consulted with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender and waive my right to an attorney. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,



John Barron, Pharm.D.

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NOTARY

STATE OF Alabama

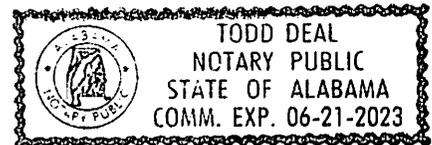
CITY/COUNTY OF Jefferson

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19 day of January, 2022,
before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, personally appeared
John Barron, Pharm.D., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that
signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Todd Deal
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6/21/2023



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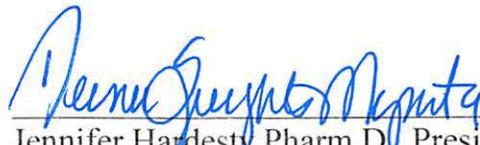
ACCEPTANCE

On this ~~19~~^{25 DSW} day of January, 2022, I, Jennifer Hardesty, Pharm.D.,

President, on behalf of the State Board of Pharmacy, accept the **SURRENDER** of the license

of **John Barron, Pharm.D.**, License Number: 26977, to practice pharmacy in the State of

Maryland.



Jennifer Hardesty Pharm.D., President
State Board of Pharmacy