

IN THE MATTER OF  
KWADWO BEKOE, P.D.  
License No. 19133

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BEFORE THE  
MARYLAND BOARD  
OF PHARMACY

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**PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER**

**Background**

On September 9, 2011, Kwadwo Bekoe, Pharmacist License No. 19133, self-reported to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") that he had been convicted of a felony in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, on July 13, 2011. On October 4, 2011, the Virginia Department of Health Professions suspended Mr. Bekoe's license to practice pharmacy in that state, based on his felony conviction. The Board later learned that the Virginia Department of Health Professions ordered the reinstatement of Mr. Bekoe's license to practice pharmacy in that state on March 16, 2012.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Mr. Bekoe, in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-101 *et seq.*, the Board held a Pre-Charge Case Resolution Conference with Mr. Bekoe on March 21, 2012. As a result, the Board and Mr. Bekoe have agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Bekoe possessed a license to practice pharmacy in Maryland, License No. 19133.
2. On September 9, 2011, Mr. Bekoe informed the Board, by way of a Board complaint form, that he had been convicted of one count of naturalization fraud, a felony, by the

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, on July 13, 2011. The conviction was based on a guilty plea taken by Mr. Bekoe.

3. Mr. Bekoe's conviction stemmed from his filing an application for naturalization in 2009 on which he listed his marital status as "married," despite the fact that he had been separated from his wife and filing income tax returns listing his marital status as "single" since 2004.
4. Mr. Bekoe was sentenced to one year probation and ordered to pay a \$100 fine. He is scheduled to complete his probation in July 2012.
5. At the time he reported his conviction to the Board, Mr. Bekoe was working as a pharmacist at a chain retail pharmacy in Woodbridge, Virginia.
6. On October 4, 2011, the Virginia Department of Health Professions suspended Mr. Bekoe's license to practice pharmacy in that state for an indefinite period of time. Mr. Bekoe subsequently lost his employment in Virginia.
7. On March 16, 2012, the Virginia Department of Health Professions reinstated Mr. Bekoe's license to practice pharmacy in that state with no additional restrictions.

#### CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Mr. Bekoe is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§12-313(b)(22) and (24).

#### ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, it is this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, hereby:

**ORDERED** that Mr. Bekoe's pharmacist license, License No. 19133, is hereby REPRIMANDED; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

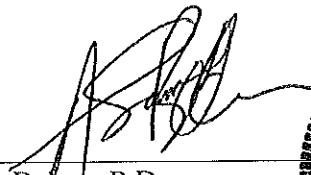
April 11, 2012  
Date


Michael Souranis, P.D.  
Michael Souranis, P.D.  
President, Maryland Board of Pharmacy

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter in lieu of formal charges, which process would have afforded me the right to a full evidentiary hearing. I consent and submit to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as if made after a full evidentiary hearing in which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law.
2. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter into and enforce this Consent Order.
4. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

Date 4/2/12

  
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Kwadwo Bekoe, P.D.  
License No. 19133



STATE OF ~~MARYLAND~~ *virginia*  
COUNTY/CITY OF *Prince William*

I hereby certify that on this *2nd* day of *April*, 2012,  
before me, a Notary Public of the State of ~~Maryland~~ and County/city aforesaid, personally  
appeared KWADWO BEKOE and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was  
his voluntary act and deed.

*M. Stolmeier*

Notary Public

My commission expires: *5/31/2012*