

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2013-037

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 In the Matter of _____)
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 LAURA REID, M.D. _____)
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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that Laura Reid, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 10-237.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent was born on July 22, 1954. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, MA in 1982. She was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 56493 in 1986. Her most recent active license lapsed on July 22, 2010.

Factual Allegations

2. On June 21, 2010, the Respondent took Abilify for the first time which caused her to have balance and vision issues. The Abilify had been prescribed by one of her treating physicians.

3. On June 21, 2010, after taking the Abilify, the Respondent drove herself home.
4. On June 21, 2010, the Respondent was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle while under the Influence of Drugs.
5. Following her arrest, the Respondent voluntarily stopped practicing medicine.
6. On July 28, 2011, the Respondent agreed that the Commonwealth had sufficient facts to show that she committed the offense of Operating a Motor Vehicle while under the Influence of Drugs.
7. Following her plea, the Respondent's criminal matter was Continued Without a Finding and she was placed on probation for one year. The Respondent successfully completed her probation and the charges were dismissed.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, ninth par. (c) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)3, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that he/she engaged in conduct that places into question the Respondent's competence to practice medicine.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public

service, a course of education or training or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

Candace Lapidus Sloane, MD

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Board Chair

Date: August 14, 2013

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