

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

LAWRENCE MADISON SUTTON, JR., M.D.

SURRENDER OF MEDICAL LICENSE

WHEREAS, LAWRENCE MADISON SUTTON, JR., M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 08931 issued on February 1, 1980, to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," received a complaint against licensee regarding prescribing opioids and benzodiazepines to a pregnant patient, resulting in review of Licensee's prescribing habits and subsequent records review of patients identified as receiving dangerous combinations of medications;

WHEREAS, the records obtained from Licensee did not adequately document Licensee's reasoning and rationale for prescribing such medications, often in violation of numerous Board regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board received a complaint from Licensee's employer, notifying the Board of Licensee's suspension due to allegations that Licensee had at least two (2) sexual encounters with patients in the exam room during the month of September, 2022, resulting in an interview of Licensee and his employer;

WHEREAS, Licensee admitted to his employer that he had, in fact, at least (2) sexual encounters with patients in the clinic during the month of September, 2022, with patients who he had prescribed controlled substances;

WHEREAS, such conduct, if established in a due process hearing before the Board, is in violation of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically Miss. Code Ann., §§ 73-25-29 (3), (8), (13) and § 73-25-83(a), as amended, for which the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure may suspend or revoke said license, or take any other action the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, Licensee wishes to voluntarily relinquish his right to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi due to the foregoing allegations, thereby admitting to the violations set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, Licensee hereby voluntarily surrenders his medical license (No. 08931) to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi and understands said Surrender shall be effective immediately upon execution. Licensee understands this is an unconditional surrender and is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank and other entities, such as the Federation of State Medical Boards, and is a public record of the State of Mississippi.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-27 (1972), to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **LAWRENCE MADISON SUTTON, JR., M.D.**, nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and hereby voluntarily executes this Surrender of Medical License to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE, this the 31st, day of October, 2022.


LAWRENCE MADISON SUTTON, JR., M.D.