IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAN	1D
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BETTY MOSS * BOARD OF EXAMINERS	FOR
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License Number 00596 * AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARIN	NG
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* AID DISPENSERS & SPEI	ECH
Case Number AHS 34-2015 *	
* LANGUAGE PATHOLOG	GISTS
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CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND AND FINE

Based upon certain information having come to the attention of the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists (the "Board") regarding the audiology practice of Betty Moss (the "Respondent"), license number 00596, the Board conducted an investigation. As the result of that investigation, the Respondent and the Board agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in an effort to reach a resolution of the case prior to the issuance of formal charges.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

- In April 1990, the Board issued the Respondent a license to practice as an audiologist 1. in the State of Maryland.
- The Respondent remained licensed until May 31, 2014, when she allowed her license 2. to expire.
- Subsequently, the Respondent applied for reinstatement. The Board issued her a 3. license, effective February 5, 2015, with an expiration date of May 31, 2016.

- 4. Although the Respondent was unlicensed from June 1, 2014 through and including February 4, 2015, the Respondent continued to practice.
- Because the Respondent practiced without a license, the Board finds that the Respondent violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314(10) ("Commits any act of unprofessional conduct in the practice of audiology..."). Further, because a license is required to practice audiology in the State of Maryland pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-301 and 2-401, the Board finds that the Respondent violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314(12) ("Violates any provision of this title").

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314:

- (10) Commits any act of unprofessional conduct in the practice of audiology; and
- Violates any provision of this title, specifically Md. Code Ann., Health Occ., §§ 2-301 and 2-401.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the license of the Respondent to practice as an audiologist in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, no later than SIXTY (60) DAYS of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay to the Board a monetary fine of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) in full by money order or cashier's check made payable to the Board and delivered personally or by certified mail to the Board within SIXTY (60) DAYS of the effective date of this

Consent Order. Failure to pay this monetary fine in full to the Board within **SIXTY (60) DAYS** of the effective date of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with and practice within all statutes and regulations governing the practice of audiology in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing before the Board, if there is a genuine dispute as to the material fact(s), or an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board, may impose any other disciplinary sanction which the Board may have imposed in this case under Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314 including a probation, suspension, revocation, and/or additional monetary fine, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Decision and Order of the Board and, as such, is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101 et seq.

1/21/2016

Ronald M. Kaplan, Au.D., Chair

Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists,

Hearing Aid Examiners and Speech-Language Pathologists

CONSENT

By this Consent, I acknowledge that I have read this Consent Order in its entirety and I hereby admit the truth of the Findings of Fact, and accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to legal counsel authorized to practice law in Maryland, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to request subpoenas for witnesses, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to introduce testimony and evidence on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I waive these rights, as well as any appeal rights under Maryland Code Annotated, State Government Article § 10-222.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with an attorney, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Consent Order.

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Betty Moss

NOTARY

CITY/COUNTY of Hagerston Wash reton

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: