

**STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF: *

KIM HAMMOND, D.V.M. *

FALLS ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL *
6314 Falls Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21209 *

DOCKET NO. 04-073

HOSPITAL LICENSE NO. 03-012 *

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this 25th day of March, 2005, is between the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Kim Hammond, D.V.M. ("Dr. Hammond"), the owner of Falls Road Animal Hospital, Hospital License No. 03-012. The Agreement concerns the charge that the Board filed against Dr. Hammond alleging that he operated a veterinary hospital for a period of time when it did not have a valid hospital license.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Dr. Hammond, by entering into and signing this document acknowledges that the Board, by a preponderance of the evidence, could prove the following Findings of Fact:

1. For the 2004-5 licensing period, Dr. Hammond has owned and operated a veterinary hospital known as the Falls Road Animal Hospital, located at 6314 Falls Road, Baltimore, Maryland.
2. Dr. Hammond was required to renew the license for this hospital facility on or before July 1, 2004, if it was to continue operating as a properly licensed veterinary hospital for

the 2004-5 licensing period. Dr. Hammond, however, failed to renew the license for this hospital facility in a timely manner, and continued to operate it as a veterinary hospital from July 1, 2004 to December 14, 2004 without a valid veterinary hospital license.

3. On or about December 15, 2004, Beverly Raymond, a Board inspector, inspected the Falls Road Animal Hospital, and advised a member of Dr. Hammond's staff that the hospital's license had not been renewed for the 2004-5 licensing period. Thereupon, Dr. Hammond immediately took steps to renew the license for this facility.

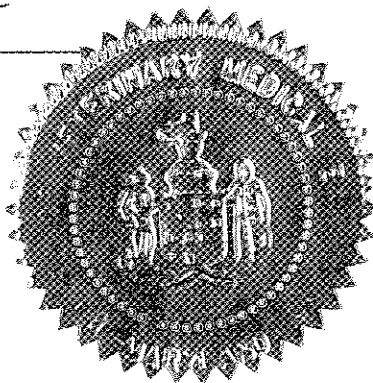
CONCLUSION OF LAW

From July 1, 2004 to December 14, 2004, Dr. Hammond owned and operated a veterinary hospital known as the Falls Road Animal Hospital, located at 6314 Falls Road, Baltimore, Maryland, but the facility did not have a valid hospital license, and in so doing, violated Agriculture Article, §2-304.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 15.14.03.01-1.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finding that Dr. Hammond violated Agriculture Article, §2-304.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 15.14.03.01-1, it is this 25th day of March, 2005, by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Hammond pay a civil penalty in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). The Board acknowledges that Dr. Hammond as already paid this penalty.

3-25-05
Date



Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
President
State Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners

CONSENT


I, Kim Hammond, D.V.M., acknowledge that I had an opportunity to consult with counsel before entering into and signing this document. By this Consent, I hereby acknowledge that the Board, by a preponderance of the evidence, could prove the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein. Accordingly, in order to resolve these matters, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of two pages.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Agreement as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in 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 the laws of the State of Maryland. I also affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal from this Consent Agreement.

I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Agreement.

I sign this Consent Agreement without reservation as my voluntary act and deed after having an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement.

3/21/05
Date



Kim Hammond, D.V.M.
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 21 day of March, 2005, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Kim Hammond, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Cynthia J. Slack
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 5/1/2005