BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: EDWARD KESSLER, D.C.
Applicant for Reinstatement

ORDER

In accordance with Sections 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with Edward Kessler, D.C., on January 26, 2007, in Richmond, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Credentials Committee ("Committee") were: Jane E. Piness, M.D., Chair; Robert T. Mosby, Jr., M.D.; Karen A. Ransone, M.D.; Ellen Shapiro, D.P.M.; and Claudette Dalton, M.D. Dr. Kessler appeared personally and was not represented by legal counsel. Carolyn R. McKann, Adjudication Specialist, was present as a representative for the Administrative Proceedings Division of the Department of Health Professions. The purpose of the informal conference was to consider Dr. Kessler’s Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice as a Chiropractor ("Application"), and in considering the application, to receive and act upon evidence that grounds may exist to deny Dr. Kessler a license to practice as a chiropractor in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These matters are set forth in a Notice of Informal Conference dated December 7, 2006.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Now, having properly considered the evidence and statements presented, the Committee makes the following Findings of Fact:

2. Dr. Kessler has not held a license to practice as a chiropractor since November 30, 1990.

3. Dr. Kessler stated to the Committee that his practice has consisted of Contact Reflex Analysis ("CRA") and nutritional advice since July 2001.

4. Dr. Kessler stated that CRA does not constitute the practice of chiropractic.

5. Of the ninety-four hours (94) of Category I continuing education contact hours taken by Dr. Kessler, seventy (70) were in courses relating to CRA.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The matter regarding Dr. Kessler is properly before the Committee for consideration.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED that upon successful completion of the Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic ("SPEC") administered by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc., Dr. Kessler’s Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice as a Chiropractor in the Commonwealth of Virginia be APPROVED.

Prior to the issuance of his chiropractic license, Dr. Kessler shall remit all fees associated with activating the license for the current biennium.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.
Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Dr. Kessler may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on March 31, 2007, notify William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, in writing that he desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

Therefore, this Order shall become final on March 31, 2007, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

Entered: 2/26/07