

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	)	<b>BEFORE THE TENNESSEE</b>
	)	<b>BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS</b>
<b>APRIL D. SIMPSON, ADMX</b>	)	
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	)	<b>CASE NUMBER: 2024013151</b>
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<b>STANTON, TENNESSEE</b>	)	
<b>TENNESSEE CERTIFICATE NO.: 11294</b>	)	

**CONSENT ORDER**

Come now the Division of Health Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health (hereinafter the "Division"), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Respondent April D. Simpson, ADMX (hereinafter "Respondent"), and respectfully move the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter the "Board") for approval of this Consent Order affecting Respondent's license to practice as a medical x-ray operator in the State of Tennessee.

The Board is responsible for the regulation and supervision of medical x-ray operators licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee. *See Tennessee Medical Practice Act* (hereinafter the "Practice Act"), Tennessee Code Annotated Section (hereinafter "TENN. CODE ANN. §") 63-6-101, *et seq.* It is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the laws of this State, and to apply the laws so as to preserve the quality of medical care provided in Tennessee. It is the duty and responsibility of the Board to enforce the Practice Act in such a manner as to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee, including by disciplining medical x-ray operators who violate the provisions of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.*, or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board and recorded in the Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter "TENN. COMP. R. & REGS.").

Respondent, by her signature to this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all right to judicial review in this matter. Respondent agrees that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board for ratification and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members shall be prejudiced to the extent that requires their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Order not be ratified. Likewise, all matters, admissions and statements disclosed or exchanged during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that by signing this Consent Order, Respondent is allowing the Board to issue its order without further process. Respondent acknowledges that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and/or similar agency. In the event that the Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.

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### I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

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1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto registered by the Board as a medical x-ray operator in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 11294 by the Board on August 17, 2021, which currently has an expiration date of August 31, 2026.
2. Respondent's medical x-ray operator certification expired on August 31, 2022. From September 2022 until April 2024, Respondent worked as a medical x-ray operator for twenty (20) months while her medical x-ray operator certificate was expired.

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## II. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

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The facts stipulated in paragraphs one through two in the Stipulations of Fact, *supra*, are sufficient to establish that grounds for discipline of Respondent's medical x-ray operator's license exist. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Medical Practice Act, (TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.*) for which disciplinary action before the Board is authorized:

3. The facts as stipulated to in paragraph 2, *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-224(b):

The certificates and accreditations issued pursuant to this section must be renewed and may be retired and reactivated pursuant to board established procedures. A person holding a certificate issued pursuant to this section may be disciplined for the same causes and under the same procedures as contained in § 63-6-214 for the medical board

4. The facts as stipulated to in paragraph 2, *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(2):

Violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter or, any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto or any criminal statute of the state of Tennessee

5. The facts as stipulated to in paragraph 2, *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. COMP. R. & REGS., 0880-05-.08:

(1) All certificate holders must renew their certificates to be able to legally continue in practice...

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## III. POLICY STATEMENT

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The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners takes the following action in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Tennessee and ensure that the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession is preserved.

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#### IV. ORDER

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**NOW THEREFORE**, Respondent agrees to the following:

6. The Tennessee medical x-ray operator license of April D. Simpson, certificate number 11294, is hereby **REPRIMANDED** effective from the date of entry of this Consent Order.
7. Respondent shall pay twenty (20) Type C civil penalties in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) each for each month Respondent worked on a lapsed license as outlined in paragraph 2 of the Stipulations of Fact, for a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).
8. Any and all civil penalties shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Order or pursuant to a payment plan as approved by the Disciplinary Coordinator. Any and all civil penalty payments shall be paid by **certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the State of Tennessee, which shall be mailed or delivered to: Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243**. A notation shall be placed on said check that it is payable for the civil penalty of **April D. Simpson, ADMX Case No. 2024013151**.
9. Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(k) and Rule 0880-02-.12(1)(j), the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including all costs assessed by the Office of Investigations, Secretary of State, Administrative Procedures Division, as well as the Office of General Counsel. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. The maximum

amount for the assessment of costs shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Any and all costs shall be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs by submitting a certified check, cashier's check, or money order to the address listed above. A notation shall be placed on said check that it is payable for the costs of April D. Simpson, ADMX Case No. 2024013151.

- 10. Respondent understands that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.

**V. APPROVAL BY THE BOARD**


This **CONSENT ORDER** was approved by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
Chair  
Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

  
April D. Simpson  
Respondent

7-11-24  
DATE

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this Consent Order has been served upon Respondent, April D. Simpson, 630 Mayhill Loop West, Stanton, Tennessee 38069, by delivering same in the United States Mail, Certified Number 9589 0710 5270 0998 1084 88, return receipt requested, and United States First Class Mail, with sufficient postage thereon to reach its destination.

This 1st day of August, 2024.



Paetria P. Morgan  
Senior Associate General Counsel