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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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GEORGE STEPHEN LAKNER	:	ORDER STAYING FINAL ORDER
License No. MA 41726	:	OF DISCIPLINE NUNC PRO
	:	TUNC TO MAY 22, 2003
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (New Jersey Board) upon the filing of a Provisional Order of Discipline (POD) on November 15, 2002 alleging a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g) license revocation in a sister state for conduct which would give rise to discipline in New Jersey. The POD was filed based upon a December 19, 2001 Order entered by the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Nevada (Nevada Board) which revoked respondent's license. The Nevada Board found that respondent engaged in the act of renewing a license to practice medicine by misrepresentation, or by false, misleading, or inaccurate statement, which violates Nevada statutory provisions.

The Nevada Board's action was based in part upon the Medical Board of California's (California Board) assertion to respondent on July 19, 2000, that respondent's application for medical licensure in California was denied based upon grounds that respondent committed an act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another or substantially injure another; or committed an act which if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for disciplinary action. Respondent responded to the POD, however nothing in th respondent's submission caused the Board to modify or dismiss the POD. On May 22, 2003, the New Jersey Board entered a Final Order of Discipline (FOD)suspending respondent's license until such time that he can show that all of his sister state licenses have been reinstated without restrictions.

On June 2, 2003, the New Jersey Board received correspondence from Mark Christensen, a U.S. Army legal assistance lawyer, writing on behalf of respondent. Mr. Christensen explained that Dr. Lakner was serving with the U.S. Army in Vicenza, Italy (at the time the correspondence was written). Mr. Christensen requested that the New Jersey Board delay taking any action against Dr. Lakner until he is released From active military duty, returns to the United States and is able to address the action taken against him by the California Board. (Mr. Christensen referred to 50 U.S.C. Sec. 521,the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act).

On October 8, 2003, the New Jersey Board voted to stay the FOD filed on May 22, 2003 against respondent until respondent has an

opportunity to more fully respond to the POD filed by the New Jersey Board on November 15, 2002.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 2005,  
ORDERED that:


1. The Final Order of Discipline filed on May 22, 2003, is hereby stayed nunc pro tunc to May 22, 2003.

2. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated.

3. Respondent has thirty (30) days from the entry of this order to respond to the POD filed by the New Jersey Board on November 15, 2002. If respondent does not respond to the POD within the required amount of time the POD shall be subject to finalization by the New Jersey Board within thirty (30) days from the entry hereof.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
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By:

  
Bernard Robins, M.D., F.A.C.P.  
Board President