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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

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KS State Board of Healing Arts

**In the Matter of** )  
**William Hedge, R.T.** )  
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**Kansas License No. 16-03033** )  
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**Docket No. 06-HA00102**

**FINAL ORDER**

**NOW ON THIS** 21st day of October 2006, this matter comes before the Board to review the Initial Order issued September 21, 2006 by Presiding Officer Mark A. McCune, M.D. Respondent William Hedge, R.T. appears in person and without counsel. Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Associate Counsel appears for the Board ("Petitioner").

After hearing the statements of Respondent and Associate Counsel and having the agency record before it, the Board finds, concludes and orders as follows:

1. The Board adopts the findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Initial Order.
2. The Board adopts the decision of Presiding Officer Mark A. McCune that the license of Respondent should be revoked.
3. In mitigation, the Board finds that Respondent's difficulties appear to result from his past use of alcohol. Respondent states that he has not drunk any alcohol since January 2006. Further, Respondent states that he is the only respiratory therapist in his locality, and that patients would not have access to respiratory care if he was unable to practice respiratory therapy.
4. The Board finds that the revocation should be stayed upon the following limitations:
  - A. **(Confidential)**  
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  - (1.) **(Confidential)**
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  - (2.) **(Confidential)**
  - (Confidential)**
  - (3.) **(Confidential)**
  - (Confidential)**

B. Mr. Hedge shall not consume any alcoholic beverage, or take any medication containing alcohol.

C. **(Confidential)**  
**(Confidential)**

D. **(Confidential)**  
**(Confidential)**

E. It is expected that the Board will continue to investigate Mr. Hedge's practice, and will interview appropriate persons at his place of employment as well as local physicians at whose direction Mr. Hedge has provided RT services.

F. All costs associated with complying with these limitations shall be borne by Mr. Hedge.

G. **(Confidential)**  
**(Confidential)**

5. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted by a majority of the members then present and voting, the Board stays the revocation with the limitations described above.

**THEREUPON**, Petitioner makes a verbal motion for reconsideration. The Board re-opens the matter, and takes additional testimony from Respondent. The Board finds as follows:

6. Respondent was not truthful in his prior statement to the Board regarding his alcohol use. In truth, Respondent consumed six to eight alcoholic drinks on Friday, October 20, 2006.

7. Respondent was not truthful in his prior testimony that he is the only respiratory therapist in his locality. The Board further finds that there are multiple respiratory therapists in his area who are authorized to provide professional services.

8. The Board finds, concludes and orders that the license of William Hedge, R.T. should be revoked, and that the revocation should not be stayed.

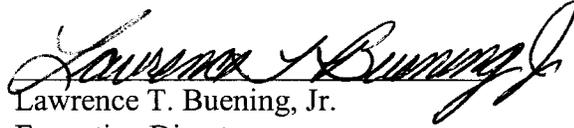
**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the license of William Hedge, R.T. is hereby revoked.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that this is a final order. A final order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a final order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, et seq. Reconsideration of a final order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the final

order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon the Board's Executive Director at 235 SW. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66603.

**Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.**

**Kansas State Board of Healing Arts**

  
Lawrence T. Buening, Jr.  
Executive Director

**Certificate of Service**

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing Final Order was served this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and addressed to:

William Hedge  
1818 K St  
#7  
Belleville, KS 66935

and a copy was hand-delivered to the office of

Kathleen Selzler Lippert  
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts  
235 S. Topeka Blvd.  
Topeka, KS 66603

and the original filed in the office of the Executive Director.

