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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 )  
ELIZABETH L. KUEHN, R.T. )  
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Kansas License No. 16-04032 )  
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Docket No. 14-HA00111

**SUMMARY ORDER**

NOW ON THIS 7 day of March, 2014, this matter comes before Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), in summary proceedings pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, this Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, if no request for hearing is made within fifteen (15) days of service.

Upon review of the agency record and being duly advised in the premises, the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order are made for and on behalf of the Board:

**Findings of Fact**

1. Elizabeth L. Kuehn, R.T. ("Licensee") was originally issued license number 16-04032 to practice as a respiratory therapist in the State of Kansas on or about February 8, 2011. Licensee's current license designation is active, and such license was last renewed on or about March 31, 2013.
2. Licensee's last known mailing address as provided to the Board is: PO Box 29, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma 74072.
3. This Summary Order incorporates herein by reference the facts as stated in the Summary Order that was filed September 10, 2013, in KSBHA Docket No. 14-HA00035.

4. The September 10, 2013, Summary Order ordered Licensee to pay the assessed civil fine, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-5510(c), in the amount of \$100.00 for her violation of the Kansas Respiratory Therapy Practice Act. The \$100.00 fine was due to be paid to the Board by October 15, 2013.

5. Furthermore, the September 10, 2013, Summary Order ordered Licensee to complete twelve (12) contact hours of continuing education, and submit proof of completion of that continuing education requirement within ninety (90) days following the service of the September 10, 2013, Summary Order. The September 10, 2013, Summary Order was served by U.S. Mail on September 10, 2013.

6. Licensee has not submitted to the Board full payment of her civil fine pursuant to the September 10, 2013, Summary Order; and this fine remains due, owing, and unpaid.

7. Additionally, Licensee has not provided to the Board proof of successful completion of the twelve (12) hours of continuing education as ordered by the September 10, 2013 Summary Order.

#### **Applicable Law**

8. K.S.A. 65-5510(a) states in pertinent part:

The board may deny, refuse to renew, suspend, revoke or limit a license or the licensee may be publicly or privately censured where the licensee or applicant for licensure has been guilty of unprofessional conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare or safety of the public. Unprofessional conduct includes:...(4) violating any lawful order ...of the board.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

9. The Board has jurisdiction over Licensee as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.

10. The Board finds that Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-5510(a)(4) in that Licensee violated a lawful order of the Board previously issued by the Board in KSBHA Docket No. 14-HA00035.

11. Based on the facts and circumstances set forth herein, it appears that the use of summary proceedings in this matter is appropriate, in accordance with the provisions set forth in K.S.A. 77-537(a), in that the use of summary proceedings does not violate any provision of the law and the protection of the public interest does not require the Board to give notice and opportunity to participate to persons other than Licensee, Elizabeth L. Kuehn, R.T.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that Licensee is hereby **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED** for Licensee's violations of the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act. Licensee shall be Indefinitely Suspended until such time as she provides to the Board proof of successful completion of the twelve (12) contact hours of continuing education and until such time as she submits to the Board full payment of her civil fine of \$100.00, as by the September 10, 2013, Summary Order in KSBHA Docket No. 14-HA00035.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that upon becoming effective as a Final Order, this document shall be deemed a public record and be reported to any reporting entities authorized to receive such disclosure.

Dated this 7 day of March, 2014.

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

  
Kathleen Sezler Lippert  
Executive Director

**FINAL ORDER NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

**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 Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **FINAL ORDER** was served this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Elizabeth L. Kuehn, RT  
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South Coffeyville, OK 74072

And a copy was hand-delivered to:

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.

  
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Cathy Brown, Executive Assistant