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BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of)	
)	Docket No. 06-HA-106
Ronald J. Zoeller, D.C.)	
Kansas License No. 01-03285)	

CONSENT ORDER

COMES NOW, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, (“Board”), by and through Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Associate Counsel (“Petitioner”), and Ronald J. Zoeller, D.C. by and through his counsel, Randall J. Forbes (“Licensee”), and move the Board for approval of a Consent Order affecting Licensee’s license to practice chiropractic in the State of Kansas. The Parties stipulate and agree to the following:

1. Licensee’s last known mailing address to the Board is: 5633 SW 33rd Terr., Topeka, Kansas 66614.
2. Licensee is or has been entitled to engage in the practice of chiropractic in the State of Kansas, having been issued License No. 01-03285 on approximately June 15, 1973, and having last renewed such license on approximately December 31, 2005. Licensee’s license is currently suspended pursuant to an Emergency Ex Parte Order of Suspension filed January 3, 2007.
3. The Board is the sole and exclusive administrative agency in the State of Kansas authorized to regulate the practice of the healing arts, specifically the practice of chiropractic. K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq. and K.S.A. 65-2871.
4. This Consent Order and the filing of such document are in accordance with applicable law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into the Consent Order as

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provided by K.S.A. 65-2838. Upon approval, these stipulations shall constitute the findings of the Board, and this Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Final Order.

5. The Kansas Healing Arts Act is constitutional on its face and as applied in the case.
6. Licensee agrees that, in considering this matter, the Board is not acting beyond its jurisdiction as provided by law.
7. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his right to a hearing. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his right to present a defense by oral testimony and documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct cross-examination of witnesses. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly agrees to waive all possible substantive and procedural motions and defenses that could be raised if an administrative hearing were held.
8. The terms and conditions of the Consent Order are entered into between the undersigned parties and are submitted for the purpose of allowing these terms and conditions to become an Order of the Board. This Consent Order shall not be binding on the Board until an authorized signature is affixed at the end of this document. Licensee specifically acknowledges that counsel for the Board is not authorized to sign this Consent Order on behalf of the Board.
9. The Board has received information and investigated the same and has reason to believe that Licensee has violated lawful orders or directives of the Board.

10. The Board has received information and investigated the same, and has reason to believe there may be grounds **(Confidential)** to take action with respect to Licensee's license under the Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2801, *et seq.*

11. Licensee was subject to a previous disciplinary action in KBHA Docket No. 04-HA-66, regarding allegations of having two DUI convictions. In that matter, a Final Board Order was issued in February 2006, which states in part:

- a. Due to seriousness with which the Board considers the two DUI convictions, the Board remains concerned about **(Confidential)**
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- b. **(Confidential)**
- c. **(Confidential)**
- d. **(Confidential)**

12. An Order **(Confidential)** was issued on September 29, 2006, in Docket No. 04-HA-66. The Order required, in part:

- a. Licensee shall immediately and fully comply, at his own expense, with the February, 2006 Final Order;
- b. **(Confidential)**
- c. **(Confidential)**

d. **(Confidential)**

e. Licensee shall immediately submit a duly signed release of information.

13. **(Confidential)**

14. **(Confidential)**

15. Licensee has failed to abide by previous Board orders.

16. Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-2836(k), in that Licensee has violated lawful orders or directives of the Board. Specifically, Licensee has failed to comply with the Final Order issued on February 11, 2006, and Order **(Confidential)** **(Confidential)** issued on September 29, 2006, in Docket No.04-HA-66.

17. Licensee acknowledges that if formal hearing proceedings were conducted and Licensee presented no exhibits, witnesses or other evidence, the Board has sufficient evidence to prove that Licensee has violated the healing arts act with respect to the above allegations. Licensee further waives his right to dispute or otherwise contest the allegations contained in the above paragraphs in any further proceeding before this Board.

18. A protective order is hereby entered to protect all confidential information under **(Confidential)**

19. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2836 the Board has grounds to deny, revoke, suspend, limit, or censure Licensee's license.
20. According to K.S.A.65-2838(b), the Board has authority to enter into this Consent Order without the necessity of proceeding to a formal hearing.
21. In lieu of conducting a formal proceeding, Licensee, by signature affixed to this Consent Order, hereby voluntarily agrees to the following disciplinary action against his license to engage in the practice of chiropractic:

SUSPENSION

- a. Licensee's license is hereby suspended. Such suspension shall remain in effect until Licensee successfully completes **(Confidential)**

(Confidential)

Following
 Upon receipt of the same by the Board, ~~such suspension shall be lifted.~~ *Licensee shall appear before the Board.*
 For the purpose of lifting the Suspension as long as licensee has complied with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order

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- b. **(Confidential)**

- c. **(Confidential)**

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k. (Confidential)

- l. The Board designates Vinton Arnett, D.C. to review and approve/disapprove any issues that arise in the implementation of this Consent Order.
- m. Licensee will furnish a copy of this Consent Order to each and every state in which he holds licensure or applies for licensure and any employer.
- n. Licensee shall immediately notify the Board or its designee of any citation, arrest or charge filed against him or of any conviction for traffic or criminal offenses.
- o. Licensee shall at all times keep Board staff informed of all his current practice locations, addresses and telephone numbers. Licensee shall

provide the above information in writing to the Board within ten (10) days of any such change.

- p. Licensee shall at all times keep Board staff informed of his residential address.

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22. Licensee's failure to comply with the provisions of the Consent Order may result in the Board taking further disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate according to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act and Kansas Healing Arts Act.

23. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed to deny the Board jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of the Healing Arts Act, or to investigate complaints received under the Risk Management Law, K.S.A. 64-4921 et seq., that are known or unknown and are not covered under this Consent Order, or to initiate formal proceedings based upon known or unknown allegations of violations of the Healing Arts Act.

24. Licensee hereby releases the Board, its individual members (in their official and personal capacity), attorneys, employees and agents, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees", from any and all claims, including but not limited to those alleged damages, actions, liabilities, both administrative and civil, including the Kansas Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Actions, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq. arising out of the investigation and acts leading to the execution of this Consent Order. This release shall forever discharge the Releasees of any and all claims or demands of every kind and nature that Licensee has claimed to have had at the time of this release or might have had, either known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and Licensee shall not commence to prosecute, cause or permit to be prosecuted, any action or proceeding of any description against the Releasees.
25. Licensee further understands and agrees that upon signature by Licensee, this document shall be deemed a public record and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Databank, CIN-BAD, and any other reporting entities authorized to receive disclosure of the Consent Order.
26. This Consent Order, when signed by both parties, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may only be modified or amended by a subsequent document executed in the same manner by the parties.
27. Licensee agrees that all information maintained by the Board pertaining to the nature and result of any complaint and/or investigation may be fully disclosed to and considered by the Board in conjunction with the presentation of any offer of

settlement, even if Licensee is not present. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board may conduct further inquiry as it deems necessary before the complete or partial acceptance or rejection of any offer of settlement.

28. Licensee, by signature to this document, waives any objection to the participation of the Board members, including the Disciplinary Panel and General Counsel, in the consideration of this offer of settlement and agrees not to seek the disqualification or recusal of any Board member or General Counsel in any future proceedings on the basis that the Board member or General Counsel has received investigative information from any source which otherwise may not be admissible or admitted as evidence.
29. Licensee acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and fully understands the contents.
30. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Order has been entered into freely and voluntarily.
31. All correspondence or communication between Licensee and the Board relating to the Consent Order shall be by certified mail addressed to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Attn: Compliance Coordinator, 235 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068.
32. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws and rules governing the practice of chiropractic in the State of Kansas that may be in place at the time of execution of the Consent Order or may become effective subsequent to the execution of this document.

33. Upon execution of this Consent Order by affixing a Board authorized signature below, the provisions of this Consent Order shall become an Order under K.S.A. 65-2838. This Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Order when filed with the office of the Executive Director for the Board and no further Order is required.

34. This Consent Order constitutes disciplinary action.

35. The Board may consider all aspects of this Consent Order in any future matter regarding Licensee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Consent Order and agreement of the parties contained herein is adopted by the Board as findings of fact and conclusions of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

SUSPENSION

a. Licensee's license is hereby suspended. **(Confidential)**

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Following
Upon receipt of the same by the Board, ~~such suspension shall be lifted.~~ licensee shall appear before the Board
For the purpose of lifting the suspension as long as licensee has complied with the terms & conditions of this consent order.
b. **(Confidential)**

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- o. Licensee shall at all times keep Board staff informed of all his current practice locations, addresses and telephone numbers. Licensee shall provide the above information in writing to the Board within ten (10) days of any such change.
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RESOLUTION OF MATTERS

- r. This Consent Order shall resolve pending requests for review, all other issues and allegations pending in KBHA Docket No. 04-HA-66 and 06-HA-106.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 12th day of February, 2007.

**FOR THE KANSAS STATE
BOARD OF HEALING ARTS:**

Lawrence T. Buening, Jr.
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Executive Director

2/12/07
Date

*as modified
on pages 5 & 11
Ken M. Forbes
02-09-07*

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Consent Order by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 12 day of February, 2007, to the following:

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And the original was hand-filed with:

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