LICENSE NO. H-9455

IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE

THE LICENSE OF

KAREN PATRICIA BULLINGTON, M.D.

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

AGREED VOLUNTARY SURRENDER ORDER

On the 8th day of _____, 2012, came on to be heard before the Texas Medical Board (the "Board"), duly in session, the matter of the license of Karen Patricia Bullington, M.D. ("Respondent").

By the signature of Respondent on this Order, Respondent waives the right to appear at an Informal Show Compliance Proceeding and Settlement Conference (ISC) pursuant to Section 164.004, Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code and Board Rule 187.18 and all rights pursuant to Sections 2001.051 and 2001.054, Texas Government Code, including but not limited to the right to notice and hearing and instead agrees to the entry of this Order to resolve matters addressed herein. Claudia Kirk represented Board staff.

With the consent of Respondent, the Board makes the following Findings and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order.

FINDINGS

The Board finds that:

- 1. Respondent received all notice required by law. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied. Respondent waives any defect in notice and any further right to notice or hearing under the Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code (the "Act") or the Rules of the Board.
- 2. Respondent currently holds Texas Medical License No. H-9455. Respondent was originally issued this license to practice medicine in Texas on August 23, 1991. Respondent is also licensed to practice in Georgia.

- 3. Respondent is primarily engaged in family practice. Respondent is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties.
 - 4. Respondent is 49 years of age.
 - 5. Respondent has not had a prior Board disciplinary order.
- 6. The Board charged Respondent with disciplinary action by another state. The Georgia Medical Board issued a Consent Order for Respondent's failure to meet the standard of care for one patient. Respondent has indicated to the Board she agrees to permanently surrender her Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings.
- 7. Respondent has cooperated in the investigation of the allegations related to this Agreed Order. Respondent's cooperation, through consent to this Agreed Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 164.002 the Act, will save money and resources for the State of Texas. To avoid further investigation, hearings, and the expense and inconvenience of litigation, Respondent agrees to the entry of this Agreed Order and to comply with its terms and conditions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above Findings the Board concludes that:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent pursuant to the Act.
- 2. Section 164.051(a)(9) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on disciplinary action against Respondent by another state or the uniformed services of the United States.
- 3. Section 164.061 of the Act and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE 196.1 authorizes the Board to accept the voluntary and permanent surrender of Respondent's Texas medical license.
- 4. Section 164.001 of the Act authorizes the Board to impose a range of disciplinary actions against a person for violation of the Act or a Board rule.
- 5. Section 164.002(a) of the Act authorizes the Board to resolve and make a disposition of this matter through an Agreed Order.

6. Section 164.002(d) of the Act provides that this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under the Texas Rules of Evidence for purposes of civil litigation.

<u>ORDER</u>

Based on the above Findings and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that:

- 1. The voluntary and permanent surrender of Respondent's Texas license should be, and is, accepted by the Board effective on the date this Order is signed by the President of the Board.
 - 2. Respondent's Texas Medical License H-9455 is, therefore, permanently canceled.
- 3. Respondent shall immediately cease practice in Texas. Respondent's practice after the date of entry of this Agreed Order shall constitute a violation of this Order, subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action by the Board or prosecution for practicing without a license in Texas.
 - 4. Respondent shall not petition the Board for reinstatement of her Texas license.
- 5. By this voluntary and permanent surrender of Respondent's Texas medical license, Respondent resolves any complaints currently before the Board.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

THIS ORDER IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

I, KAREN PATRICIA BULLINGTON, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THIS AGREED ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

KAREN BULLINGTON, MD
Respondent

STATE OF _	GLORGIA		-
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SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this 17 day of April , 2012.

Signature of Notary Public

(Notary Seal)



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