

**State of Rhode Island
Department of Health
Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline**



IN THE MATTER OF:

**Thomas Gomes, MD
License No.: LP 04943
Case No.: C21-1519**

Consent Order

Thomas Gomes MD, (“Respondent”) is licensed as a physician in the state of Rhode Island and has a controlled substance registration in the State of Rhode Island (collectively, his “license”). The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (“the Board”) has reviewed and investigated the above referenced complaint pertaining to Respondent through its Investigative Committee. The Board makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a licensed physician in the state of Rhode Island and was issued his license on May 15th, 2020. He graduated from University of Massachusetts Medical School.**
- 2. The Board received notice that on November 5, 2021, Respondent had an adverse interaction with a law enforcement official outside the State of Rhode Island. The law enforcement report notes that Respondent was cooperative during this interaction.**

3. Respondent was contacted by the Board the following day. The Board then reported the matter to Respondent's physician supervisors. Respondent was referred to the Physicians Health Program.
4. Respondent has cooperated with the Physicians Health Program, has followed its recommendations, and has demonstrated requisite insight. Respondent earned the endorsement of the Physicians Health Program for reinstatement of his license, after receiving appropriate treatment.
5. Respondent is in violation of Rhode Island General Law § 5-37-5.1 (5).

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Director.
3. If ratified by the Director, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and
 - h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.

4. Respondent hereby agrees to a reprimand on his physician license.
5. Respondent agrees to pay within 5 days of ratification of this Consent Order \$1,100 in administrative fees associated with investigation of this complaint.
6. Respondent's license is reinstated upon ratification of this Consent Order.
7. Respondent will follow the recommendations of the Physicians Health Program and maintain his agreement with them for 5 years from when the agreement started.
8. If Respondent violates any material term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request, within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline, an administrative hearing. The Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 26 day of January, 2022.

Thomas M Gomes
Thomas Gomes, MD

Approved by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on 9th February, 2022
and Approved by the Director on 9th February, 2022.

[Signature]
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James V McDermott