

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Walter Stein, M.D.

License No.: MD06537

Complaint No.: C23-0946

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Walter Stein, M.D. ("Respondent") has been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island since December 19, 1984.
2. On May 23, 2023, Respondent and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Board of Medicine agreed upon the entry of an order relating to Respondent's license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which Respondent issued a medical marijuana certification to himself in violation of 35 P.S. § 10231.403(e), and 28 Pa. Code § 1181.31(d). The marijuana certification was to treat a qualifying medical condition. Pennsylvania imposed a penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00, a reprimand on Respondent's license, and twenty (20) hours of remedial education. Respondent self-reported the Pennsylvania action to the Board on September 27, 2023.
3. The Investigative Committee of the Board met on July 31, 2024, and, in reciprocity to the actions taken against Respondent by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, found that Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-5-5.1(21) which states, in pertinent part, that any "disciplinary action against a license or authorization to practice medicine in another state" constitutes unprofessional conduct.

**Based upon the foregoing, the Parties agree as follows:**

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

2. Respondent agrees to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval by the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification.

3. If ratified by the Board, 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; and
- g) 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 RI DOH public website.

4. Respondent is hereby issued a reprimand on his Rhode Island license and shall pay administrative fees in the amount of \$1,100.00. The administrative fees must be paid within six (6) months of the ratification of this Consent Order and shall be made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer, and delivered to the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn. Jessica DeSanto. Respondent will send notice of compliance of this condition to [DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov](mailto:DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov) within thirty (30) days of submitting the above-referenced payment.

5. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated after ratification and approval, the Board or the Director of the Department of Health ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1 through 5-37-6.3. If the Board or the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative

hearing within twenty (20) days of further discipline. The Board or 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. Any administrative hearings, whether initiated by the Board or the Respondent, shall be conducted in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1 through 5-37-6.3 or R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-8 and the Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1), the Rules and Regulations for Practices and Procedures Before the Rhode Island Department of Health (216-RICR-10-05-4), and applicable provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35-1 *et seq.*

As Assented to and Signed this 23 day of November 2024.

Walter Stein, M.D.

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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of

December 2024.

Staci A Fischer MD

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Chief Administrative Officer  
Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline