

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of
3 **WILLIAM LEE PHELPS, M.D.**
4 Holder of License No. 24727
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine in the
6 State of Arizona.

CASE No: MD-22-0344A
REQUEST FOR LICENSE
INACTIVATION WITH CAUSE AND
ORDER INACTIVATING LICENSE
WITH CAUSE

7 1. I, William Lee Phelps, M.D. ("Respondent"), am the holder of License No. 24727
8 to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

9 2. I hereby request that, effective at 5:00 p.m. on the date of the following Order,
10 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") inactivate with cause my license to practice
11 allopathic medicine number 24727 pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1452(F). I participated in the
12 Board's Physician Health Program ("PHP"), from October 3, 2002 through October 4,
13 2002 and no longer qualify for a confidential Board Order.

14 3. I will not practice medicine in Arizona or any other state, territory or district of the
15 United States or a foreign country while my Arizona license is inactive. I may not hold or
16 maintain a controlled substance certificate with the Drug Enforcement Administration or
17 write or refill prescriptions as long as my license is inactive. If I practice medicine while my
18 license is inactive I will be practicing medicine without a license and/or without being
19 exempt from licensure, which amongst other things, is a felony.

20 4. I shall not request reactivation of my license to practice medicine in Arizona until I
21 complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital treatment program,
22 an intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these programs as
23 required by A.R.S. § 32-1452(F) and subsequently complete an assessment with the
24 Board's PHP Contractor, and the Board is in receipt of the assessment findings and
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1 recommendations. I understand that I may also be required to complete other evaluations
2 if deemed necessary by the Board. The Board will not reactivate my license until I present
3 evidence satisfactory to the Board, in its sole discretion, that I am medically competent
4 and mentally and physically able to safely practice medicine in the State of Arizona.

5 DATED this 30 day of Dec, 2022.

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8 WILLIAM LEE PHELPS, M.D.

9 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 10 1. Respondent currently holds an active license to practice medicine in this state.
- 11 2. Respondent was under a Board stipulation or probationary order pursuant to
12 A.R.S. § 32-1452 that is no longer in effect.
- 13 3. The Board initiated this case based on Respondent's disclosure on his 2022
14 license renewal application that he had been charged with a DUI in July, 2021.
- 15 4. Respondent has a health condition that may impact his ability to safely practice
16 medicine.
- 17 5. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452(F), Respondent has requested that his/her license
18 to practice medicine in the State of Arizona be placed on the status of Inactive with
19 Cause.

20 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

- 21 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
22 Licensee.
- 23 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
24 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(f) ("Exhibiting a pattern of using or being under
25 the influence of alcohol or drugs or a similar substance while practicing medicine or to the
extent that judgment may be impaired and the practice of medicine detrimentally

1 affected..”), A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(g) (“Using controlled substances except if prescribed by
2 another physician for use during a prescribed course of treatment.”), and A.R.S. § 32-
3 1401(27)(r) (“Committing any conduct or practice that is or might be harmful or dangerous
4 to the health of the patient or the public.”).

5 **ORDER**

6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

7 1. License number 24727 held by Respondent is Inactivated with Cause.

8 2. Before Respondent can request that his/her license be reactivated, he/she shall
9 successfully complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital
10 treatment program, an intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these
11 programs and shall meet the applicable requirements of A.R.S. §32-1431(D).

12 3. Once Respondent has completed treatment, the Board shall determine if it should
13 refer the matter for a formal hearing for the purpose of suspending or revoking the license
14 or to place Respondent on probation for a minimum of five (5) years with restrictions
15 necessary to ensure public safety.

16 DATED this 3rd day of January, 202~~2~~³.

18 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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20 By: Pat E McSorley
21 Patricia E. McSorley
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3rd day of January, 2023 with:

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