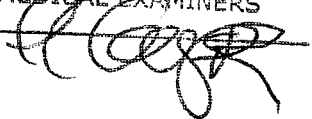


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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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**In the Matter of the Investigation of )  
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JOHN ANDREWS TAFEL, M.D., )  
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License No. 14116 )**

**FILED**  
**MAR 25 2013**  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
By: 

**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Prior to the preparation of this Order of Summary Suspension, Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) staff presented evidence and information to an Investigative Committee (IC) of the Board, composed of Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., Chairman, Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, Member, and Michael J. Fischer, M.D., Member, regarding John Andrews Tafel, M.D. (Dr. Tafel). Upon review of the evidence and information presented by Board staff, the IC hereby **IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDS** Dr. Tafel's license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 630.326(1), based upon the following preliminary findings:

1. Dr. Tafel is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Nevada (License No. 14116) and was originally licensed on September 21, 2011. Dr. Tafel lists his specialty with the Board as physical medicine/rehab. Dr. Tafel is also licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas.

2. It is believed that Dr. Tafel is the owner, operator, director of four (4) pain management clinics in the state of Texas and/or the supervisor of advanced practice nurses and/or physician assistants in those clinics.

3. It is further believed that on or about October 22, 2012, Texas Medical Board staff, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), conducted a raid of Dr. Tafel's four (4)

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1 pain clinics in Texas. The raid uncovered evidence that Dr. Tafel was improperly and illegally  
2 operating the pain management clinics, including the method and manner of prescribing of  
3 controlled substances.

4 4. As a result, Dr. Tafel surrendered his DEA and Texas Department of Public Safety  
5 authority to write prescriptions for controlled substances on or about that same day,  
6 October 22, 2012.

7 5. Subsequently, on December 6, 2012, Dr. Tafel's license to practice medicine in the  
8 state of Texas was temporarily suspended by the Texas Medical Board. The temporary suspension  
9 was based upon evidence of, and related allegations of, the illegal operation of the aforementioned  
10 four (4) pain management clinics in Texas.

11 As a result of the foregoing, the IC reasonably determines and believes that due to the  
12 recent suspension of Dr. Tafel's license in Texas, the health, safety and welfare of the public is at  
13 imminent risk of harm and that a summary suspension of Dr. Tafel's license to practice is  
14 necessary to remove said risk of imminent harm to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

15 Accordingly, pursuant to NRS 630.326(1):

16 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada  
17 of John Andrews Tafel, M.D. (License No. 14116) is **HEREBY SUSPENDED** until further order  
18 of the Investigative Committee or Board; and

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a hearing be set within forty-five (45) days of this  
20 Order, pursuant to NRS 630.326(2), to determine whether this suspension may continue, unless  
21 the parties mutually agree to a different or divergent time frame.

22 DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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24 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
25 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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27 By: Theodore B. Berndt  
28 Theodore B. Berndt, M.D.  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013; I served a filed copy of the ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION, via USPS e-certified return receipt mail to the following:

John Tafel, M.D.  
6217 N. Bradley Overlook  
Wilmington, NC 28403-3835

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

  
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