IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE

SHARON WILAND

* STATE BOARD

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

* OF

Registration Number: T01671

* PHARMACY

Respondent

Case Number: 21-123

FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN'S REGISTRATION

On August 18, 2021, the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), notified SHARON WILAND, PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, the Respondent, Registration No. T01671, of its Intent to Revoke her Pharmacy Technician registration.

The Notice also informed the Respondent that, unless she requested a hearing in writing within 30 days of receipt of said Notice, the Board would sign the Final Order, which was enclosed. More than 30 days have elapsed, and the Respondent failed to timely request a hearing. Therefore, this revocation is final.

The Board bases its action on the Respondent's violation of the following provisions of its Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health Occ."), §§ 12-101 et seq. (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2020 Supp.):

Health Occ. § 12-6B-09. Grounds for reprimand or denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of registration.

Subject to the hearing provision of § 12-315 of this title, the Board may deny a pharmacy technician's registration to any applicant, reprimand a registered pharmacy technician, place any pharmacy technician's registration on probation, or suspend or revoke a pharmacy technician's registration if the applicant or pharmacy technician registrant:

- (3) Fraudulently uses a pharmacy technician's registration;
- (27) Participates in any activity that is grounds for Board action under § 12-313 or § 12-409 of this title [;].

With respect to Health Occ. § 12-6B-09, the underlying grounds for Board action under § 12-313 include:

(25) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board [;].

The pertinent provision of the Board's regulations under Code Md. Regs. ("COMAR") § 10.34.10 Pharmacist, Pharmacy Intern, and Pharmacy Technician Code of Conduct, provides:

- .01 Patient Safety and Welfare.
 - B. A pharmacist may not:
 - (3) Engage in unprofessional conduct.

FACTS THAT WARRANT THE REVOCATION OF THE RESPONDENT'S REGISTRATION

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on July 30, 2008. The Respondent's registration expires on October 31, 2021.
- 2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharmacy Technician at a National chain pharmacy (the "Pharmacy") in Baltimore County, Maryland.¹

¹ The names of facilities and/or individuals are confidential.

3. On or about November 19, 2020, the Board received a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) form 106 from the Pharmacy notifying it that there had been a loss resulting from theft of Tramadol² tablets by the Respondent and that the Respondent was observed ingesting the tablets while at work. The Respondent admitted, orally and in writing, taking "20" Tramadol tablets from the Pharmacy. As a result, the Respondent's employment was terminated that date, October 21, 2020.

4. The form listed the total loss as \$842 and contained the following losses:

Acetaminophen-Cod #3 ³ , 300 mg/30mg	80 tablets
Acetaminophen-Cod #4, 300mg, 60mg	92 tablets
Alprazolam ⁴ , 1 mg	91 tablets
Belbuca ⁵ , 75mcg	1 Film
Clonazepam ⁶ , 0.5 mg	8 tablets
Clonazepam, 1 mg	6 tablets
Hydrocodone-Homatropine ⁷ , 5 mg-1.5 mg	120 tablets
Diazepam ⁸ , 5 mg	4 tablets
Lorazepam ⁹ , 1 mg	2 tablets

² Tramadol is used to help relieve moderate to moderately severe pain. Tramadol is similar to opioid (narcotic) analgesics.

³ Tylenol with Codeine #3 is a combination medicine used to relieve moderate to severe pain.

⁴ Alprazolam is used to treat anxiety and panic disorders.

⁵ Buprenorphine is used to help relieve severe ongoing pain.

⁶ Clonazepam is used to prevent and control seizures.

⁷ This medication is used to relieve a dry cough usually caused by the common cold or other conditions as prescribed by a doctor.

⁸ Diazepam is used to treat anxiety, muscle spasms, and alcohol withdrawal. The injection form is used when prompt relief is desired or when the medication cannot be taken by mouth. This medication is also used for the short-term treatment of serious seizures that do not stop (status epilepticus).

⁹ Lorazepam is used to treat anxiety.

Lorazepam, 1 mg	1 tablet
Oxycodone ¹⁰ , 15 mg	100 tablets
Tramadol HCL, 50 mg	220 tablets
Tramadol HCL, ER ¹¹ , 100 mg	1 tablet
Vimpat ¹² , 200 mg	1 tablet
Zolpidem Tartrate ¹³ , 5mg	2 tablets

- 5. Based upon the above, on April 2, 2021, the Board issued an Order for Summary Suspension in which it summarily suspended the Respondent's registration. The Respondent failed to request a hearing and/or to contest the Board's findings.
- 6. The Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes a violation of Health Occ. § \$12-6B-09 (3) and (27), and Health Occ. § 12-313(25), and COMAR 10.34.10.01 B (3).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the aforegoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated Health Occ. §§12-6B-09 (3) and (27), Health Occ. § 12-313 (25), and COMAR § 10.34.10.01 B (3).

ORDER

As set forth above, the Board hereby Orders, that the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland held by SHARON WILAND, the Respondent,

¹⁰ Oxycodone is used to help relieve moderate to severe pain.

¹¹ ER= Extended Release

¹² Lacosamide is used to prevent and control seizures.

¹³ Zolpidem is used to treat insomnia.

Registration Number **T01671** be and is **REVOKED**, and that this Order is public, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol. and 2020 Supp.).

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with §12-316 of the Act and Md. Code Ann., State Government §§10-201, et seq. (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2020 Supp.), you have a right to a direct judicial appeal of this decision. A petition for appeal of the Final Board Order shall be filed within thirty days from your receipt of this Final Order and shall be made in accordance with the aforecited authority.

10-20-21

Date

Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.

Executive Director

for

Jennifer Hardesty, Pharm.D., President

State Board of Pharmacy