

March 1, 2024

James LeFort
3921 SW Munson Ave
Topeka KS 66604

RE: Case No. 24-025

Dear Mr. LeFort:

Enclosed you will find a Summary Order issued by the Kansas Board of Pharmacy (Board) in the above-referenced matter. Please read the order in its entirety.

If you disagree with the findings of fact, you have the right to request a hearing. Instructions for filing a written request are included under the "Notices" section of the order. Hearings are held before the full Board during their regularly scheduled quarterly meetings.

According to KSA 65-1627h, the Board is required to recoup the costs of administrative hearings when the decision is adverse to the licensee. These costs may include charges for services rendered by the Board's disciplinary counsel, an administrative law judge, and, if applicable, a court reporter.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Board at Pharmacy.Compliance@ks.gov.

Sincerely,

Kansas Board of Pharmacy

Enclosure

BEFORE THE KANSAS BOARD OF PHARMACY

In the Matter of)
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James LeFort)
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Registration No. 24-122290)

Case No. 24-025

SUMMARY ORDER

NOW, on this 1st day of March, 2024, comes before the Kansas Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”), through its Executive Secretary, the matter of James LeFort, (“Applicant”), for application for registration as a Kansas pharmacy technician.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by the Kansas Pharmacy Act, K.S.A. 65-1625, *et seq.*, and in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501, *et seq.*, the Board’s Executive Secretary enters this Summary Order in the above-captioned matter. After reviewing the application materials and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings, conclusions and order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 26, 2023, the Board received Applicant’s application for registration as a pharmacy technician in the State of Kansas (“Applicant’s Application”).
2. Applicant answered “Yes” to the following question on her application: “Have you been charged with or convicted of (includes plea of guilty or no contest) a criminal offense or is there any criminal charge now pending against you (other than minor traffic violations) in any state or federal court whether or not a sentence was imposed, suspended, or diverted? This includes misdemeanors.” The application directs that if the applicant answers yes, the applicant must attach a Form S-150: Personal History (“Form S-150”).

3. In conjunction with Applicant's Application, Applicant provided an S-150 that indicated he had a 2011 or 2012 DUI that was resolved.

4. The Board received information regarding a September 2010 attempted DUI offense, an August 2011 DUI offense, and an October 2012 DUI offense against Applicant.

5. On December 29, 2023, the Board mailed Applicant a letter requesting a completed Form S-150, as well as certified copies of the court pleadings from each case.

6. On or about January 4, 2024, the Board received court documents from Applicant for his 2012 case, which indicated Applicant was charged with DUI (3rd or subsequent), driving while suspended, driving while a habitual violator, reckless driving, and improper driving on a laned roadway. Applicant pleaded guilty and complied with all court requirements.

7. On January 17, 2024, the Board received a written statement from Applicant that indicated Applicant had struggled with a drinking problem, multiple DUIs, and restricted driving privileges when he was younger, but had made life changes in his recovery since 2012. Applicant also provided certified court documents that confirmed the above DUI offenses, and indicated Applicant pleaded no contest to the 2010 and 2012 DUI offenses and was found guilty. Applicant complied with all court-imposed requirements.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1663, the Board may limit, suspend, or revoke a registration or deny an application for issuance or renewal of any registration as a pharmacy technician on any ground which would authorize the board to take action against the license of a pharmacist under K.S.A. 65-1627, and amendments thereto.

2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(3), the Board may place in a probationary status the license of any pharmacist who has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct.

3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1626(vvv)(7), unprofessional conduct means conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

4. Applicant's repeated DUI offenses and past "drinking problem" are unprofessional conduct likely to harm the public in the pharmacy setting. While nearly 10 years have elapsed since Applicant's last offense and Applicant indicates he is in recovery, access to controlled substances in the pharmacy setting, as well as the potential danger to patients in the event of an impaired pharmacy technician pose a serious danger to the public. Therefore, Applicant's criminal history warrants an additional level of supervision and oversight in the pharmacy and is a basis to place Applicant's registration in a probationary status pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(3).

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, Applicant's Application for issuance of pharmacy technician registration is hereby GRANTED subject to a 2-YEAR probationary status. The terms of Applicant's probation are as follows:

- Applicant must notify the Board of any arrest or criminal charge within 10 days of the date of the arrest or charge;
- Applicant must notify the Board of any change in employment within 10 days of the change;
- Applicant must respond to the Board's regular check-in requests;
- Applicant must inform employers of the probationary status of their pharmacy technician registration;
- Applicant must obtain the signature of their pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) documenting knowledge of her probationary status to the Board; and

- Applicant must comply with all rules and regulations of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

NOTICES

Applicant is hereby notified as follows:

1. Applicant may request a hearing pursuant to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act by filing a written request with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy, 800 SW Jackson, Suite 1414, Topeka, KS 66612-1231 within fifteen (15) days after service of this order.
2. If a hearing is not requested as described above, the Order shall become a final order of the Board, effective upon the expiration of the time to request a hearing.
3. Within fifteen (15) days after entry of a final agency order, either party may file a petition for reconsideration pursuant to K.S.A. 77-529.
4. Within the time limits established in K.S.A. 77-613, either party may seek judicial review of a final agency order, pursuant to said statute. The agency officer designated to receive service of a petition for judicial review is

Alexandra Blasi, JD, MBA
Executive Secretary
Kansas Board of Pharmacy
800 SW Jackson, Suite 1414
Topeka, KS 66612

IT IS SO ORDERED.

3/1/2024

Date



Alexandra Blasi, JD, MBA
Executive Secretary
Kansas Board of Pharmacy

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did, on the 1st day of March, 2024, deposit in business mail a copy of the foregoing Summary Order, which is then placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

James LeFort
3921 Munson Ave
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Kansas Board of Pharmacy Staff