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8	BEFORE THE	
9	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4512
12	NEIL DANIEL MCELROY	
13	2818 Uranus Avenue Eau Claire, WI 54703	ACCUSATION
14	Pharmacist License No. RPH 37078	
15	Respondent.	
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18	Complainant alleges:	
19	<u>PARTIES</u>	
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
21	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
22	2. On or about December 11, 1981, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License	
23	No. RPH 37078 to Neil Daniel McElroy (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force	
24	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2013,	
25	unless renewed.	
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Accusation

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## **JURISDICTION**

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
  - 4. Section 4300 of the Code states, in pertinent part::
  - "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
- (b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods:
  - (1) Suspending judgment.
  - (2) Placing him or her upon probation.
  - (3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.
  - (4) Revoking his or her license.
- (5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its discretion may deem proper.

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- (e) The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein. The action shall be final, except that the propriety of the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure."
- 5. Section 4300.1 of the Code states that "the expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a aboard-issued license by operation of law, or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license."

6. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous

drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

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- 7. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.
- 8. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension/expiration/surrender/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct: Self- administration of Alcoholic Beverages to an Extent or in a

Manner Injurious to Oneself or to Others)

9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(h) for unprofessional conduct because he self-administered alcoholic beverages to an extent or in a manner as to be dangerous to himself or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that