BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

In the Matter of:	)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
	)	OF LICENSE FOR CAUSE
ERNEST BERLEY HAWKINS	)	
License No. 17089	)	

Ernest Hawkins was issued license number 17089 by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy (the Board) on February 23, 2004.

Mr. Hawkins admits that he ingested phentermine without a currently valid prescription order and without the North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network's (NCPRN) approval, and that this occurred while he was subject to a March 24, 2005, Board Order prohibiting him from such activity. He also admits that his actions violate his contract with NCPRN which consequently also violates the Board Order. Mr. Hawkins agrees that his actions violate the Board Order and his NCPRN contract. Considering these facts, Mr. Hawkins hereby waives any further findings with respect to this matter and voluntarily surrenders his license to practice pharmacy in North Carolina.

Mr. Hawkins understands and accepts that the license will not be returned until and unless the Board issues a reinstatement Order. Mr. Hawkins shall not be present in a pharmacy except as a customer unless his license is returned by the Board. It is Mr. Hawkins' responsibility to petition the Board for a hearing if he wishes to have the matter considered. There is no time limit established for this matter to be heard by the Board. There is no presumption, guarantee or other implication intended within this document that the Board will reinstate the license. The decision would be made by the Board based on consideration of all available evidence presented at the time of the formal hearing.

The surrender of the license is made voluntarily and without pressure, coercion, or the threat of force being made against him.

This the 22nd day of June, 2005.

Ernest B. Hawkins