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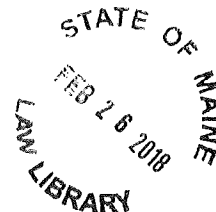
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Dear Ms. Vorpapel,

Enclosed please find a copy of the Board of Licensure in Medicine's 2017 annual report to the Labor Commerce Research and Economic Development Committee.

Sincerely,

Maureen S. Lathrop
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Senator Amy Volk, Chair
Representative Ryan Fecteau, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research, and Economic Development
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Volk and Representative Fecteau:

The Board of Licensure in Medicine hereby submits its 2017 Annual Report, in accordance with Title 32 §3269, 8-A. This report consists of certain complaint statistics for calendar year 2017.

Number of Complaints carried forward from 2016	82
Number of New Complaints filed in 2017	<u>177</u>
Total Number of Complaints 2017	259
Number of Complaints dismissed in 2017	129
Number of complaints resulting in adverse licensing actions in 2017	27
Number of Complaints carried forward to 2018	83
Total adverse licensing actions 2017	27

Also included is a breakdown of 2017 Board adverse licensing actions by classification. Details about each adverse licensing action are available on our public internet site at <http://www.maine.gov/md/discipline/adverse-licensing-actions.html>.

The following is a breakdown of adverse licensing actions taken in 2017 (please also see the pie chart attached to the end of this report):

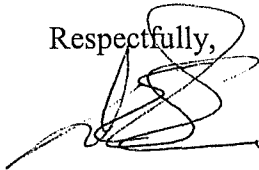
- 6 = Unprofessional Conduct
- 1 = Substance Abuse /Mental Health Issues (SA/MH)
- 2 = Incompetence
- 8 = Fraud and/or Deceit
- 3 = Violation of Statute or Rule of the Board
- 5 = Withdraw/Surrender While Under Investigation
- 1 = Sexual Misconduct

The Board is also required to submit the number of physician adverse licensing actions tabulated by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). For 2017 the FSMB tabulated 35 actions taken by the Board. However, the FSMB system tabulates a change or reduction in discipline as a new action and breaks some disciplines into multiple reports, which accounts for its variance with the 27 adverse licensing actions actually taken by the Board in 2017. In addition, not all

adverse actions taken by the Board are necessarily assigned a complaint number. For example, there may be situations that occur during licensure or re-licensure where the individual withdraws their license while under investigation, which is a reportable adverse licensing action to the FSMB and National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), but does not have a corresponding complaint number in ALMS. In addition, there are sometimes multiple complaints against a single licensee that results in a single global disposition of all of the complaints pursuant to a consent agreement.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the data.

Respectfully,



Dennis E. Smith, Esq.
Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Head

