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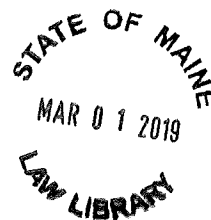


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Senator Erin Herbig, Chair
Representative Matthea Daughtry, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement & Business
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Herbig and Representative Daughtry:

The Board of Licensure in Medicine hereby submits its 2018 Annual Report, in accordance with Title 32 M.R.S. §3269, 8-A. This report consists of certain complaint statistics for calendar year 2018.

Number of Complaints carried forward from 2017	93
Number of New Complaints filed in 2018	<u>214</u>
Total Number of Complaints 2018	307
Number of Complaints carried forward to 2019	90
Number of Complaints dismissed in 2018	149
Number of complaints resulting in adverse licensing actions in 2018	23

Also included is a breakdown of 2018 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>.

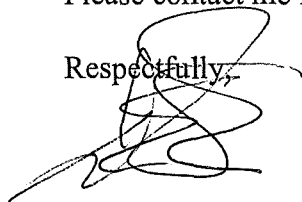
The following is a breakdown of adverse licensing actions taken in 2018 (please also see the pie chart attached to the end of this report):

- 7 = Unprofessional Conduct
- 5 = Substance Abuse
- 3 = Incompetence
- 1 = Fraud and/or Deceit
- 1 = Violation of Statute or Rule of the Board
- 4 = Withdraw/Surrender While Under Investigation
- 1 = Sexual Misconduct
- 1 = Non-compliance with Consent Agreement

The Board is also required to submit the number of physician adverse licensing actions tabulated by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). For 2018 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 23 adverse licensing actions actually taken by the Board in 2018. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis E. Smith', written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

Dennis E. Smith, Esq.
Executive Director

Enclosures (1)

Cc: Commissioner Head

2018 Adverse Actions

