

In regards to the matter of the Order of the Board of Pharmacy of South Carolina against Sonya Ward SC Reg # PHT37957, OIE #2015-123:

South Carolina has a dual licensure program for pharmacy technicians. You can either be a Registered pharmacy technician if you have your National Certification (PTCB), or go through S.C. classes and internship and become a Certified pharmacy technician.

I have a National Certification through PTCB and have practiced as a pharmacy technician in multiple states over the course of my 20+ year career. I moved to South Carolina after transferring employment to the PharMerica LTC pharmacy located in Easley, SC in 2014.

On occasion, we had medications we did not have in stock and the orders needed to be called into a 24 hour retail pharmacy. Due to the acute nature of many of our Long Term Care residents, they could not wait until the following day for the medication to come in from our supplier. Sometimes the orders would be brought to me, as a supervisor, to be called into the 24 hour retail pharmacy. I asked my pharmacy director if it was alright for me to call in the orders to a retail pharmacy and he told me yes.

I did so for a few medications over the course of the 2 year period. I never called in a control medication, or took an order from a physician over the phone. In the state of South Carolina, only Certified technicians are able to transfer a prescription from one pharmacy to another. I had inadvertently violated a S.C. Code by calling these few prescriptions into the 24 hour retail pharmacy from our LTC pharmacy. My pharmacy director had forgotten that I was Registered and not Certified in S.C. when he had told me it was ok to call the prescriptions in.

Because the state of Texas has a code similar to South Carolina about the transfer of prescriptions, the Texas BOP entered an agreed board order #T-17-097 against me for the South Carolina incident. There was not a separate incident in Texas, both board orders were from the same incident. My Texas registration (#179223), was reprimanded on 5/22/17, but not revoked, suspended or fined.

I ask that you consider my work history and licensure in several states with no other violations in making a decision on my pharmacy technician license. Thank you.

Sonya Ward

AGREED BOARD ORDER #T-17-097

RE: IN THE MATTER OF
SONYA GWYN WARD
(REGISTRATION #179223)

BEFORE THE TEXAS STATE
BOARD OF PHARMACY

On this day came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (Board) the matter of registration number 179223 issued to Sonya Gwyn Ward (Respondent).

By letter dated May 22, 2017, the Board gave preliminary notice to Respondent of its intent to take disciplinary action. This action was taken as a result of an investigation which produced evidence indicating that Respondent may have violated:

Section 568.003(a)(13) of the Texas Pharmacy Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. Title 3, Subtitle J (2015).

The conduct described in the Order and adopted by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, State Board of Pharmacy is substantially similar to conduct described in:

Sections 568.002(a); and 568.003(a)(1) and (7) of the Texas Pharmacy Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. Title 3, Subtitle J (2015); and

Section 297.3(a)(1) of the Texas Pharmacy Board Rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE (2017), in that allegedly:

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On or about September 14, 2016, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, State Board of Pharmacy entered an Agreed Order in the matter of Pharmacy Technician Registration No. PHT.37957 held by Sonya Gwyn Ward. The Order was based on findings that while employed as a pharmacy technician at Phamerica Easley, 5119-A Calhoun Memorial Highway, Easley, South Carolina 29640, Ms. Ward unlawfully engaged in the duties of a pharmacy technician without a valid registration. The Order placed Ms. Ward's registration on probation for a period of one year and ordered her to pay a fine of \$250.

By letter dated May 22, 2017, Respondent was notified that the matters previously set out in this Order could be disposed of without the scheduling of an informal conference or a formal administrative hearing. By signing this Order, Respondent neither admits nor denies the truth of the matters previously set out in this Order, and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction in this matter and waives the right to informal conference, notice of hearing, formal administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order.

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The parties acknowledge that this Order resolves the allegations set forth herein, and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the ORDER OF THE BOARD below.

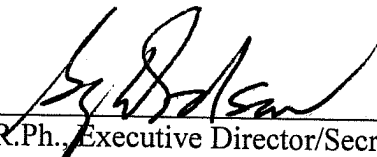
ORDER OF THE BOARD

THEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board does hereby ORDER that Respondent's registration is reprimanded.

And it is so ORDERED.

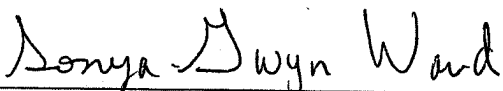
THIS ORDER IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

Signed and entered by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy on this 7th day of August, 2017.



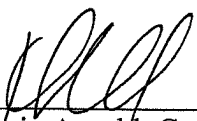
Gay Dodson, R.Ph., Executive Director/Secretary
Texas State Board of Pharmacy

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND AGREED TO:



Sonya Gwyn Ward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kerstin Arnold, General Counsel
Texas State Board of Pharmacy

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

In the Matter of:

SONYA GWYN WARD
Registration No. PHT.37957

OIE # 2015-123

Respondent.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

By agreement of the State Board of Pharmacy ("the Board") and the above-named Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-320(F) (1976, as amended), in lieu of, inter alia, a hearing before the Board, a hearing officer or panel appointed by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent admits that she is a pharmacy technician in the State of South Carolina at all times relevant to the matters asserted in this case. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Respondent admits the following:
 - a. Respondent is employed as a pharmacy technician at Phamerica Easley ("Phamerica") located at 5119-A Calhoun Memorial Highway, Easley, South Carolina, 29640.
 - b. Respondent is certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (National Certification), but not certified as a State Pharmacy Technician. During Respondent's employment, she transferred prescriptions to retail pharmacies.
 - c. Respondent waives any further findings of fact with respect to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent admits that as a result of the previous admissions herein, Respondent has violated S.C. Code Ann. §§ 40-43-86(DD)(5) and (EE) and 40-43-140(A)(1)(a) (1976, as amended).
2. Respondent further admits that the conduct in this matter constitutes sufficient grounds for disciplinary or corrective action under S.C. Code Ann. §§ 40-1-120 and 40-43-140 (1976, as amended). Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.

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3. Respondent has full knowledge that she has the right to a hearing and to be represented by counsel in this matter, and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives such rights by entering into this Consent Agreement. Respondent understands and agrees that by entering into this Consent Agreement, she voluntarily relinquishes any right to judicial review of Board action(s), which may be taken concerning any related matters. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Agreement will not become effective unless and until approved by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Disciplinary Counsel's Office and Respondent may be present during presentation of this Consent Agreement to the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that if this Consent Agreement is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter.

THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED WITH RESPONDENT'S CONSENT THAT:

1. Respondent's registration is hereby suspended for a period of one (1) year; however, such suspension shall be stayed immediately, and Respondent's registration shall continue uninterrupted in a probationary status for a period of **one (1) year**, contingent upon Respondent's compliance with the following terms and conditions, which shall remain in effect until further Order of the Board:
 - a. Respondent shall pay a fine of **Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)**. The said fine shall be due at such time as this Consent Agreement is submitted to the full Board for approval. Payments must be made in the form of a cashier's check, money order, or other good funds. Failure to pay the said fine shall result in the immediate suspension of Respondent's registration in this State until such amount is paid in full.
 - b. Respondent shall appear and report to the Board as requested by the Board, upon reasonable notice, at any point in the future as required by the Board during the period of probation. Failure to comply with this requirement is a violation of this Agreement.
 - d. Respondent shall submit to and cooperate with reasonable random inspections directed toward Respondent's continued compliance with this Consent Agreement and the laws governing pharmacy in this State.
 - e. Respondent shall promptly advise this Board in writing of any changes in address, practice, professional status, or any other factors affecting compliance with this Consent Agreement. Correspondence and copies of reports and notices mentioned herein shall be directed to:

LLR-Board of Pharmacy
P.O. Box 11927
Columbia, SC 29211-1927

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2. Respondent enters into this Consent Agreement freely and voluntarily and not under duress, restraint, or compulsion.
3. It is understood and agreed that if Respondent fails to meet the conditions agreed to in this Consent Agreement, Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician may be immediately suspended pending compliance. Non-compliance may result in further discipline. Any license law violations by Respondent constitute a failure to meet the conditions of this Consent Agreement.
4. Respondent agrees to comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations governing her practice as a pharmacy technician. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board, its attorneys, investigators, and other representatives in the investigation of Respondent's practice and compliance with the provisions of this Consent Agreement. Respondent may be required to furnish the Board with additional information as may be deemed necessary by the Board or its representatives. In addition to such requests, the Board in its discretion may require Respondent to submit further documentation regarding Respondent's practice, and it is Respondent's responsibility to comply with all reasonable requests in a timely fashion. Failure to comply with such requests is a violation of this Consent Agreement, and may result in the immediate temporary suspension of Respondent's pharmacy technician registration, pending a hearing and until further Order of the Board.
5. Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, this Consent Agreement, with attachments, is a public document, and this action will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank in accordance with P.L. 99-660 and 42 U.S.C. § 11101.
6. This Consent Agreement shall take effect upon service of an executed copy on Respondent or her counsel.

(signatures on next page)

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AND IT IS SO AGREED.

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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DATE

Carole Small Russell
CAROLE SMALL RUSSELL
Chairman of the Board

8/19/16
DATE

Sonya Gwyn Ward
SONYA GWYN WARD
Respondent

9/26/18
DATE

[Signature]
PATRICK D. HANKS
Disciplinary Counsel
South Carolina Department of Labor,
Licensing & Regulation

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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION BOARD

certifies that

Sonya G Ward

has met all requirements for certification and merits the designation of

Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)

Certification Number

230101020751555

Initial Certification Date

July 31, 2002

Application Deadline

July 01, 2024

Expiration Date

July 31, 2024



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President, Certification Council

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Executive Director, CEO

Verify certification at ptcb.org.