

## 2005 Press Releases

### Friday, March 18, 2005

Medical Board Suspends License of Mark D. Gilliland, M.D., of Houston

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners suspended the license of Mark D. Gilliland, M.D., license number G2088, after determining that Dr. Gilliland's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place today under the Board's authority, granted by S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, to suspend or restrict a physician's license without notice when it determines the physician's continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspension is effective immediately.

The action was based on the following: On May 24, 2004, Dr. Gilliland was arrested for driving while intoxicated. On his online license renewal on October 6, 2004, Dr. Gilliland provided false information to the Board by responding "no" to the question, "since your last registration ... have you been arrested...?"

On March 9, 2005, After a hit-and-run accident in which two pedestrians were seriously injured, Dr. Gilliland was followed to his residence by an off-duty police officer. He failed a field sobriety test and was arrested and charged with felony intoxicated assault and failure to stop and render aid.

The length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and remains in effect until the board takes further action.

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*The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, the state agency that regulates physicians, physician assistants, surgical assistants and acupuncturists, provides consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Lee S. Anderson, M.D., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior.*

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