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## Medical Board Suspends License of Mark R. Prince, M.D., of Dallas

A panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended the license of Mark Robert Prince, M.D., license #J6671, of Dallas, after determining that Dr. Prince's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on the following: providing false information to the board; inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to substance abuse; intemperate use of alcohol or drugs; unprofessional conduct. The findings resulted from Dr. Prince's having been arrested for driving while intoxicated, public intoxication and illegal possession of a controlled substance; for responding to a board questionnaire denying that he had been arrested or abused drugs or alcohol; and other violations of laws connected with the practice of medicine.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Thursday, May 11, and the suspension was effective immediately. The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite but it remains in effect until the board takes further action.

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The Texas Medical Board, 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 Roberta M. Kalafut, D.O., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature and S.B. 419 of the 79th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. Information on filing a complaint is on the agency web site at www.tmb.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 201-9353.