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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: Brent M. Ward, H.A.D.

Petition No. 980504-037-006

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Brent M. Ward of Manchester, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 000347 to practice as a hearing aid dealer by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 398 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

1. At all times relevant to this Consent Order, he was employed by Beltone Hearing Aid Service of West Hartford, Connecticut as a trainee.
2. On or about January 8, 1997 he sold a hearing aid to Dominic Christiana.
3. From approximately February of 1997 to approximately May of 1997, he provided hearing aid services to Mr. Christiana.
4. Throughout the period from January of 1997 to May of 1997, while engaged in the selling and fitting of Mr. Christiana's hearing aid, respondent failed to represent himself to Mr. Christiana as a temporary permittee pursuant to Chapter 398 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

5. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-404, including, but not limited to:
- a. §20-404(a)(3); and/or,
 - b. §20-404(a)(11); taken in conjunction with Section 20-406-13(b) of the Regulations of Connecticut state Agencies.

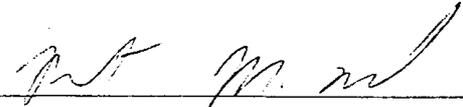
WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner (hereinafter "the Department") this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-404 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-404 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

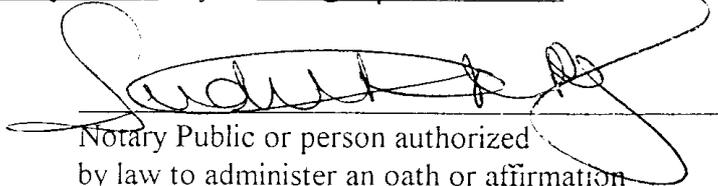
1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 000347 to practice as a hearing aid dealer in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
4. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.
5. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Department in which his compliance with §20-404 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.

6. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
7. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
8. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Regulatory Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Department. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
9. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, Brent M. Ward, H.A.D., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.


Brent M. Ward

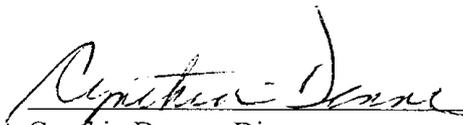
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of August 1998.


Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

JUDITH NARDI ROY.
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 28, 2003

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 26th day of

August 1998, it is hereby accepted.


Cynthia Denne, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation

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