



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4723.281 Summary suspension without a hearing - automatic suspensions.

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(A) As used in this section, with regard to offenses committed in Ohio, "aggravated murder," "murder," "voluntary manslaughter," "felonious assault," "kidnapping," "rape," "sexual battery," "gross sexual imposition," "aggravated arson," "aggravated robbery," and "aggravated burglary" mean such offenses as defined in Title XXIX of the Revised Code; with regard to offenses committed in other jurisdictions, the terms mean offenses comparable to offenses defined in Title XXIX of the Revised Code.

(B) When there is clear and convincing evidence that continued practice by an individual licensed under this chapter presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, as determined on consideration of the evidence by the president and the executive director of the board of nursing, the president and director shall impose on the individual a summary suspension without a hearing. An individual serving as president or executive director in the absence of the president or executive director may take any action that this section requires or authorizes the president or executive director to take.

Immediately following the decision to impose a summary suspension, the board shall serve a written order of suspension in accordance with sections 119.05 and 119.07 of the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension by the court during the pendency of any appeal filed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. If the individual subject to the suspension requests an adjudication, the date set for the adjudication shall be within fifteen days but not earlier than seven days after the individual makes the request, unless another date is agreed to by both the individual and the board. The summary suspension shall remain in effect, unless reversed by the board, until a final adjudication order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective.

The board shall issue its final adjudication order within ninety days after completion of the adjudication. If the board does not issue a final order within the ninety-day period, the summary



suspension shall be void, but any final adjudication order issued subsequent to the ninety-day period shall not be affected.

(C) The license or certificate issued to an individual under this chapter is automatically suspended on that individual's conviction of, plea of guilty to, or judicial finding with regard to any of the following: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary. The suspension shall remain in effect from the date of the conviction, plea, or finding until an adjudication is held under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the board has knowledge that an automatic suspension has occurred, it shall notify the individual subject to the suspension. If the individual is notified and either fails to request an adjudication within the time periods established by Chapter 119. of the Revised Code or fails to participate in the adjudication, the board shall enter a final order permanently revoking the person's license or certificate.