BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

In the Matter of:

Alton Terrence Howes
(License No. 11775)

MODIFICATION OF
CONSENT ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the North Carolina Board on January 21, 2002, for consideration of modification of the Consent Order entered by the Board on April 16, 2002 concerning the license to practice pharmacy of Alton Terrence Howes (Respondent). This matter was considered by Board members Crocker, Dennis, Haywood, Nelson and Rogers. Board member Chater took no part in the consideration in this matter. Based upon the record in this proceeding and the testimony, exhibits and other materials of record presented to the Board, the Board modifies the Consent Order as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board adopts and incorporates by reference Findings of Facts 1-7 from the Consent Order.

2. The Consent Order required Respondent's license to be suspended for a period of thirty consecutive days on which Respondent was scheduled to work. The thirty day suspension was to begin no later than May 10, 2002. No holidays or other leaves of absence could be counted toward the thirty days. Respondent, however, only had twelve days of unpaid leave within the specified time period.

3. Respondent ceased the practice of pharmacy on December 6, 2002.
CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Board adopts and incorporates by reference the Conclusions of Law from the Consent Order.

2. Respondent failed to comply with the condition of the Consent Order which required that he complete an active suspension of his pharmacist license of thirty consecutive work days beginning no later than May 10, 2002.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

Respondent’s license to practice pharmacy shall be suspended for a period of one year, which suspension shall be stayed for the remaining term of his contract with the North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network (PRN), under the following conditions:

1. Respondent’s PRN contract shall be extended for a period of two years beyond its present expiration date.

2. Respondent shall have served an active suspension of sixty consecutive workdays, which began December 6, 2002 and which shall have been completed no later than February 22, 2003. No holidays or other leaves or absence may be counted toward the sixty day suspension.

3. The conditions in paragraphs 2-6 of the Consent Order remain in effect and are adopted by the Board and incorporated by reference.
This the 17th day of March, 2003.

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: ____________________________
   David R. Work
   Executive Director