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## Augusta doctor refused license

## By The Associated Press

A state medical board has refused to reissue a license to an Augusta doctor who had been convicted of sexually abusing three boys.

After a 13-hour hearing, a majority of the Board of Registration in Medicine ruled last night that Dr. David C. Halperin was not sufficienty rehabilitated.

Halperin voluntarily relinquished his license after his conviction in 1984. He served seven months in jail and will be on probation until October.

Two doctors on the board voted to issue the license, providing that Halperin be restricted from contact with children. But the remaining four doctors and the two public members of the board rejected the



Dr. David C. Halperin listens as the Maine Board of Registration in Medicine refuses to reissue his license to practice.

request outright, saying he could not yet be trusted as a doctor.

Two psychiatrists said Halperin could return to medicine in one way or another.

Dr. George E. Sullivan, who voted against the request, said he had watched Halperin throughout Staff photo by Jay Reiter

the hearing and "his general demeanor didn't seem to indicate he recognized the seriousness of the crime."

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