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IN RE: MERLE N. CROSSMAN)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Portland, Maine)	FOR VOLUNTARY
License # P011300)	SURRENDER OF LICENSE
License # R041075)	

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Merle N. Crossman's license to practice practical nursing and registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), (5)(D). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Merle N. Crossman ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of Mr. Crossman's offer to voluntarily surrender his license.

FACTS

- 1. Merle N. Crossman has been licensed as a practical nurse to practice in Maine since 1995 and as a registered professional nurse to practice in Maine since 1997.
- 2. On June 8, 2001 Mr. Crossman was convicted in the Waldo/Belfast County Superior Court, Docket No. CR-99-223 of Burglary, Class B, felony and theft, Class E, misdemeanor. He received a sentence of 18 months imprisonment with all but five months suspended and was placed on probation for a period of two years. Exhibit 1.
- 3. Merle N. Crossman was subsequently convicted of false swearing, Class D misdemeanor. His probation was revoked and served a jail sentence of six months. Mr. Crossman remains on probation until September 7, 2007.
- 4. Merle N. Crossman has offered to voluntarily surrender his nursing licenses.

AGREEMENT

- 5. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Merle N. Crossman's voluntary surrender of his licenses.
- 6. Merle N. Crossman agrees and understands based upon the above-stated facts, this document imposes discipline regarding his license to practice practical nursing and registered professional nursing in the State of Maine under 32 M.R.S.A.§ 2105-A(2)(F), (2)(G), (2)(H) and Chapter 4, sections 1(A)(6), 1(A)(7), 1(A)(8) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.

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- 7. Merle N. Crossman agrees and understands that his licenses will remain on surrender status and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely until and unless the Board, at Mr. Crossman's written request, votes to reinstate Mr. Crossman's licenses. Mr. Crossman agrees and understands that his licenses will not be reinstated until the projected date September 7, 2007, when his criminal probation terminates or upon a Court ordered earlier termination of his criminal probation. Mr. Crossman understands that if the Board reinstatements his licenses, it will be for a probationary period.
- 8. Merle N. Crossman understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects his rights to practice practical nursing and registered professional nursing in Maine. Mr. Crossman also understands that he does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that he has the right to consult with an attorney before entering the Consent Agreement.
- 9. If Mr. Crossman fails to meet any of the obligations of this Consent Agreement, the Board may take any disciplinary action, which it deems appropriate and impose any of the sanctions, including but not limited to that found in Title 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003 and Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A.
- 10. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 11. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
- 12. Merle N. Crossman affirms that he executes this Consent Agreement of his own free will.
- 13. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, MERLE N. CROSSMAN, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED: July 19, 2006

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FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: July 20, 2006

MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.

Executive Director

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: MM 24, ZOO

JOHN HARICHARDS

Assistant Attorney General