

## STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF NURSING 158 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0158

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

IN RE: BRENDA LEE HOUSTON, LPN of Oakland, Maine	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR INACTIVE STATUS
	)	
License No. LPN3341	)	OF LICENSE

## INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Brenda Lee Houston's license to practice as a licensed practical nurse ("LPN") in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8003 (5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Brenda Lee Houston ("Ms. Houston"), the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board"), and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties entered this Agreement for the purpose of placing Ms. Houston's license on inactive status.

## **FACTS**

- 1. Brenda Lee Houston was originally licensed by the Board as an LPN to practice in Maine on October 18, 1971.
- 2. As a result of an informal conference with Ms. Houston on October 24, 2012, the Board has concerns with Ms. Houston's physical and mental health, as well as her ability to practice nursing.

## **AGREEMENT**

- 3. The Board and Ms. Houston have agreed that Ms. Houston's license will be placed on inactive status. This Agreement for inactive status is not discipline.
- 4. Ms. Houston understands and agrees that as a result of this Agreement, her license will be placed on inactive status, effective upon the date of the final execution of this Agreement. Ms. Houston understands and agrees that, upon receiving a written request from her to reactivate her Maine LPN license, the Board may require her to undergo a mental and/or physical health examination pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §2105-A (4). She also understands and agrees that the Board shall have the sole discretion to grant or deny such a request or to grant her a license with probation and conditions as it determines appropriate to protect the public.
- 5. Modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 6. This Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. §402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §408.
- 7. This Agreement is not intended to be formal disciplinary action. However, it is subject to the federal reporting requirements pursuant to Section 1128E of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR Part 61 and any other interstate/national reporting requirements.



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- 8. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by Ms. Houston, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
- 9. Brenda Lee Houston affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- 10. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, BRENDA LEE HOUSTON, LPN, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON MY NURSING LICENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, AND INTELLIGENTLY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED: <u>2/19/13</u>

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BRENDA LEE HOUSTON, LPN

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 2/25/13

MYRA A. BROADWAY, JD, MIS, RN

**Executive Director** 

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED:  $\frac{2/2\%1^2}{2}$ 

JOHN H. RICHARDS

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