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IN RE:	DEBORAH J. LELAND)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
	of Old Town, Maine)	FOR VOLUNTARY
	License #R045402)	SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Deborah J. Leland's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Consent 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 Deborah J. Leland ("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 the below-stated facts and Ms. Leland's offer to voluntarily surrender her license.

FACTS

- 1. Deborah J. Leland has been licensed as a registered professional nurse to practice in Maine since 2000.
- 2. Deborah J. Leland previously surrendered her registered professional nurse license through a Consent Agreement dated September 4, 2003, as a result of diverting controlled substances over the course of one year period from Eastern Maine Medical Center ("EMMC"). The diverted drugs were for her personal consumption. Exhibit A. After completing a six week outpatient substance abuse rehabilitation program at Acadia Hospital, attending N.A. and continuing in aftercare, the Board reinstated her license in June 22, 2004, through a Consent Agreement which imposed a period of probation for a term of two years. Exhibit B.
- 3. The Board voted to suspend Ms. Leland's license on December 15, 2005, after receiving information that she had diverted controlled substances (Oxycodone) in August, 2005, from EMMC. An investigation conducted at EMMC disclosed that Ms. Leland was withdrawing controlled substances from the automatic drug dispensing system ("Pyxis") for patients that did not have orders from a physician. Ms. Leland diverted a total of 3,330 milligrams of Oxycodone from EMMC.
- 4. Deborah J. Leland waives her right to a hearing before the Board regarding the above-stated facts, and has offered to voluntarily surrender her registered professional nurse license.



AGREEMENT

- 5. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Deborah J. Leland's offer to voluntary surrender her registered professional nurse license.
- 6. Deborah J. Leland neither admits nor denies the facts contained herein, but she acknowledges that if this matter went to a hearing before the Board that it is more likely than not that the facts would support the Board's findings in this Agreement.
- 7. Deborah J. Leland agrees and understands that based upon the above-stated facts her conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A.§ 2105-A(2)(A), 2(B), (2)(F), (2)(H) and Chapter 4, sections 1(A)(1), 1(A)(2), 1(A)(6), 1(A)(8) and Chapter 4, sections 3(F), 3(K), 3(P) and 3(Q) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Ms. Leland further understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine
- 8. Deborah J. Leland agrees and understands that her license will remain on surrender status and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely until and unless the Board, at Ms. Leland's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Leland's license. Ms. Leland agrees and understands that if the Board reinstatements her license, it will be for a probationary period.
- 9. Deborah J. Leland understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice registered professional nursing in Maine. Ms. Leland understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering the Consent Agreement.
- 10. Deborah J. Leland shall not work or volunteer, in any capacity, for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S.A. § 2502 (2) or in any position holding herself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation, R.N., including in a veterinarian's office, while her nursing license is surrendered. In addition, Ms. Leland is not to seek employment where the handling or dispensing of drugs is part of the job responsibility.
- 11. If Ms. Leland 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.
- 12. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.

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- 13. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
- 14. Deborah J. Leland affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary 15. signature below.

I, DEBORAH J. LELAND, 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: 4 / 10/06

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MARVIN H. GLAZIER, ESO. Attornev for Deborah J. Leland

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