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BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO. )  
R033187 ISSUED TO: )  
LAURIE L. ABERNATHY MARTIN )  
To practice professional )  
nursing in the State of Maine )  
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ORDER TERMINATING  
PROBATION

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1992, License No. R033187 issued to Laurie L. Abernathy was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 1994, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Laurie L. Abernathy Martin's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Laurie L. Abernathy Martin has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on September 21, 1992 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 21st day of October 1994.

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BY: Jean C. Caron  
Jean C. Caron, R.N., M.S.  
Executive Director



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In re: )  
Laurie L. Abernathy, R.N. ) CONSENT AGREEMENT  
of Portland, Maine ) REGARDING PROBATIONARY  
License #R33187 ) STATUS OF LICENSE

### INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Laurie L. Abernathy's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Laurie L. Abernathy, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated May 14, 1992, Ms. Abernathy advised the Board that her license to practice professional nursing in Florida and Pennsylvania had been placed on probation as a result of a charge relating to substance abuse. Subsequently, the Board and Ms. Abernathy met on June 10, 1992. Ms. Abernathy was present and was not represented by an attorney.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

At the meeting the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. Ms. Abernathy holds licenses to practice professional nursing in Florida and Pennsylvania, in addition to her Maine license. Ms. Abernathy's Florida license was placed on probation for two years on July 25, 1991, and her Pennsylvania license was similarly placed on probation for two years on February 20, 1992.
2. Ms. Abernathy has not completed the period of probation in either Florida or Pennsylvania.
3. Ms. Abernathy freely admits that she has a problem with chemical dependency. She has been through substance abuse treatment and aftercare.
4. Ms. Abernathy has been substance-free for approximately 3 1/2 years.

5. Ms. Abernathy is involved in self-help recovery programs.
6. Ms. Abernathy's past employer is supportive of her licensure in this State, and has indicated that she is a potential future employer for Ms. Abernathy.
7. Ms. Abernathy has no record of prior discipline against her Maine license.

COVENANTS

Based on all of the facts, the Board voted to enter into an agreement with Ms. Abernathy under which her license to practice professional nursing in Maine will be placed on a probationary status for two years, subject to the following conditions:

1. Ms. Abernathy will remain substance-free.
2. Ms. Abernathy will continue in her self-help recovery program.
3. Ms. Abernathy will arrange to have quarterly reports submitted to the Board from her nurse employer.
4. Ms. Abernathy will notify the Board in writing of any change in her nursing employment.
5. Ms. Abernathy will not undertake any employment with a ~~home health care agency~~. registry (LA)
6. Ms. Abernathy will obtain an evaluation for substance abuse from a licensed substance abuse counselor and will provide the Board with a copy of that counselor's evaluation report.
7. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts so long as Ms. Abernathy fully complies with these conditions.

Ms. Abernathy understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Abernathy understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Consent Agreement. Ms. Abernathy affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 9-15-92

BY: Laurie I. Abernathy RN  
LAURIE I. ABERNATHY, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF  
NURSING:

DATED: 9/17/92

BY: Jean C. Caron  
JEAN C. CARON, R.N., M.S.  
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 9/21/92

BY: Timothy W. Collier  
TIMOTHY W. COLLIER  
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