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IN RE: SANDRA J. MARTIN
of Portland, OR
License #RN35955

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

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This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Sandra J. Martin's license as a registered professional nurse ("RN") in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Sandra J. Martin ("Licensee" or "Ms. Martin"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (1-A) (C), 10 M.R.S. §§ 8003 (A-1) (4), 8003 (5) (B) and 10 M.R.S. § 8003 (5) (D). The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of Ms. Martin's Stipulation for Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse License (Reference No. 12-00271) issued by the Oregon State Board of Nursing ("OR Board") effective January 18, 2012.

FACTS

- 1. <u>Licensing History</u>. Sandra J. Martin was licensed to practice in Maine as an RN on February 24, 1993; her license lapsed on September 18, 2010. On July 12, 2011, Ms. Martin entered into a Consent Agreement for Warning and Probation with the Board, with a probationary period of five years on the basis of a Board Complaint dated June 17, 2009 [Exhibit 1].
- 2. Sandra J. Martin's RN license in Oregon was reactivated on September 2, 2010. She was employed as an RN at Providence Hospital in Portland, Oregon from January 29, 2010 until her resignation November 27, 2011.
- 3. Sandra J. Martin notified the Board by correspondence dated December 27, 2011 that she had retired from nursing and would be unable to fulfill/complete the terms of probation as outlined in the July 2011 Agreement. Enclosed with her correspondence was a copy of Oregon's Stipulation for Voluntary Surrender regarding her failure to fully disclose the pending complaint/disciplinary action in Maine when she made license application in Oregon; the fully-executed Final Order was subsequently obtained by the Board [Exhibit 2].
- 4. Sandra J. Martin wishes to resolve this matter by surrendering her RN license, thereby waiving her right to an adjudicatory hearing.

AGREEMENT

- The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Sandra J. Martin's offer to voluntarily surrender her RN license. Ms. Martin understands and agrees that should this matter go to hearing before the Board on the above-stated facts and the underlying information to support those facts, it is more likely than not they would support the Board's findings in this Agreement. Further, she understands and agrees that this document imposes discipline regarding her nursing practice in the State of Maine. The grounds for discipline are found under Title 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (1-A), (2) (F), (2) (H) and Chapter 4.1.A.6 and 4.1.A.8.of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Specifically, the violations are:
 - a. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (F). Unprofessional Conduct. Ms. Martin engaged in unprofessional conduct, which violates a standard of professional behavior that has been established in the practice for which she is licensed. See also: Rule Chapter 4, Section 4.1.A.6.
 - b. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (H). A violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the Board. See also: Rule Chapter 4. Section 1.A.8.



- 6. Sandra J. Martin understands and agrees that her license will remain on surrender status and subject to the terms of this Agreement indefinitely until and unless the Board, at her written request, votes to reinstate her license. Ms. Martin understands and agrees that if the Board reinstates her license, it will be for a probationary period.
- 7. The State of Maine is a "party state" that has adopted the Nurse Licensure Compact ("Compact"), which is set out in Chapter 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing, Ms. Martin understands that this Agreement is subject to the Compact; however, Oregon is currently her primary state of residence.
- 8. Sandra J. Martin understands that she does not have to execute this Agreement and has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Consent Agreement.
- 9. Sandra J. Martin shall not work or volunteer in any capacity for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S. § 2502 (2) or in any position holding herself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation "RN" while her nursing license is surrendered.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 12. This Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
- 13. Sandra J. Martin affirms that she executes this Agreement of her own free will.
- 14. This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

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

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FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: (12ml 28, 2012

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Executive Director

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DATED:

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