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# BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO. P004710 ISSUED TO:	<b>)</b>
	ORDER TERMINATING
CYNTHIA A. STOVER, L.P.N.	) PROBATION
To practice practical nursing	į
in the State of Maine	<u>)</u>

WHEREAS, on October 19, 1994, License No. P004710 issued to Cynthia A. Stover was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 1996, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Cynthia A. Stover's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Cynthia A. Stover has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on January 16, 1995 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 7th day of March 1996.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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



#### MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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In re:	) CONSENT AGREEMENT
Cynthia A. Stover, L.P.N.	) REGARDING PROBATIONARY
of Yarmouth, ME	) STATUS OF LICENSE
License #P004710	)

## INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Cynthia A. Stover's license to practice practical 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: Cynthia A. Stover, L.P.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated December 7, 1993 Ms. Stover was sent a copy of an article that appeared in the local newspaper The Forecaster on November 24, 1993. The article contained a brief report of Ms. Stover's arrest on a charge of attempting to acquire drugs by deception. Ms. Stover was asked to respond to this possible violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(B), (E) and (F). Ms. Stover's attorney, Peter W. Evans, responded in a letter dated December 28, 1993. The Board subsequently requested that Ms. Stover attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). That conference was held on October 19, 1994. Ms. Stover was present and was represented by Peter Evans, Esq.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Ms. Stover was convicted on March 8, 1994 of the Class D offense of attempting to acquire drugs by deception.
  Ms. Stover received the following sentence: thirty (30) days incarceration, all suspended, one (1) year probation with a special condition of substance abuse treatment to the satisfaction of the Department of Probation and Parole and a \$400 fine with two (2) months to pay.
- 2. Ms. Stover has successfully completed both in-patient and out-patient substance abuse treatment and is in ongoing aftercare and self-help recovery programs.
- 3. Ms. Stover states that she never diverted drugs from her work place.

- 4. Ms. Stover states that she never used drugs while on duty, nor was ever impaired while on duty.
- 5. Ms. Stover states that she has been substance-free since November 13, 1993.
- 6. Ms. Stover is currently employed as a nurse and her employers are supportive of her recovery.
- 7. There is no documented evidence of any patient harm as a result of Ms. Stover's actions.

### COVENANTS

The Board voted to enter into an agreement with Ms. Stover under which her license is placed on probation for a period of one (1) year from the date of the last signature on this agreement, with the following conditions:

- 1. Ms. Stover will remain completely substance-free.
- 2. Ms. Stover will continue with her prescribed aftercare and self-help treatment.
- 3. Ms. Stover will arrange to have her substance abuse counselor provide the Board with quarterly reports, beginning within thirty (30) days after the last signature on this Consent Agreement. Ms. Stover waives any claim of confidentiality and privilege which she may have with respect to these reports.
- 4. Ms. Stover will notify her nurse employer of the existence of this Consent Agreement and of its terms, and will also arrange for quarterly reports to the Board from any such nurse employer. Ms. Stover waives any claims of confidentiality and privilege which she may have with respect to these reports.
- Ms. Stover will notify the Board in writing of any change in her nursing employment.
- Ms. Stover will accept no employment for any nursing pool agency.
- 7. The Board agrees to take no further action upon these facts so long as Ms. Stover fully complies with these conditions.
- 8. Ms. Stover will bear all costs incurred in performance of the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.
  Ms. Stover understands that she must request that the Board terminate her probation at the expiration of the minimum probationary period. Reinstatement of licensure

in good standing at that point will be at the discretion of the Board, taking into account the extent to which she has complied with the Covenants in this Consent Agreement.

Ms. Stover understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Stover 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. Stover affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

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Cynthia a Stover, L.P.N.

DATED:\_///8/95

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING:

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FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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