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In re:)
Sharon E. Tommasino, L.P.N.) TEMPORARY
of Camden, Maine) CONSENT AGREEMENT
License #P008706) REGARDING LICENSURE

INTRODUCTION

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

By letter dated April 6, 1993, Ms. Tommasino was advised by the Board that it had received a letter dated March 22, 1993, with attachments, from Holly Carlson, R.N., Director of Nursing, Shore Village Nursing Center, containing information that Ms. Tommasino may be in violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Sections 2105-A(2)(B), (2)(E) and (2)(F). Ms. Tommasino was then advised by letter dated April 26, 1993 that the Board had received another letter with information of similar statutory violations, dated April 15, 1993, from Dianne Postupack, R.N., Acting Director of Nursing at the Camden Health Care Center. Subsequently, the Board requested that Ms. Tommasino attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Sections 2105-A(1-A). The informal conference was held on June 15, 1993. Ms. Tommasino was present and was not represented by an attorney.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As a result of the informal conference, the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. Ms. Tommasino admits that she was probably impaired on duty as a result of alcohol use, and further admits that she has recently been terminated from employment at two health care facilities due to alcohol use.
2. Ms. Tommasino did inaccurately record nurses' notes as a result of her impairment on duty.
3. Ms. Tommasino states that she has been alcohol-free since April 11, 1993.

4. Ms. Tommasino has consulted with her personal physician, who prescribed Xanax for her for a brief period of time.
5. Ms. Tommasino is not currently participating in any substance abuse treatment program.
6. Representatives of the Camden Health Care Center state that she was a good nurse during her employment there.
7. Representatives of the Camden Health Care Center also state that there was no patient involvement of harm as a result of Ms. Tommasino's conduct.
8. Ms. Tommasino was employed at the Shore Village Nursing Center for 8 years without incident prior to her termination.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to continue the informal conference pending receipt of a report of a substance abuse evaluation of Ms. Tommasino by a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor. The Board reserves the right to take disciplinary action against Ms. Tommasino's license after receipt of the report. Ms. Tommasino agrees to see a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor for an evaluation and to forward a report of that evaluation to the Board by September 1, 1993. Ms. Tommasino also agrees to remain substance-free for the duration of this Temporary Consent Agreement.

Ms. Tommasino understands that she does not have to execute this Temporary Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Temporary Consent Agreement. Ms. Tommasino affirms that she executes this Temporary Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 6/28/93

BY: Sharon E. Tommasino RN
SHARON E. TOMMASINO, L.P.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING

DATED: 6/30/93

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

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 7/1/93

BY: Timothy W. Collier
TIMOTHY W. COLLIER
Assistant Attorney General
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