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IN RE: STEPHANIE A. WALKER, RN)
Bath, Maine)
License RN56506)

CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR SUSPENSION

Case No. 2012-201

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement, effective when signed by all parties, pertaining to a complaint filed against Stephanie A. Walker’s license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties to this Consent Agreement are Stephanie A. Walker, RN (“Ms. Walker” or “Licensee”), the Maine State Board of Nursing (“the Board”) and the Maine Office of the Attorney General (“the Attorney General”). This Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8003(5) (B).

FACTS

1. Stephanie A. Walker was licensed by the Board as a registered professional nurse (“RN”) on June 15, 2009. She held a Maine licensed practical nurse license from July 18, 2000 until November 16, 2009.
2. On October 2, 2012, Board Complaint 2012-201 was issued by the Executive Director of the Board against Ms. Walker based upon notification from her nursing employer, Home, Hope and Healing, Inc., of Ms. Walker’s arrest on September 25, 2012 and subsequent charges for Theft by Unauthorized Taking or Transfer and Theft by Receiving Stolen Property.
3. On August 27, 2013, pursuant to her guilty plea to the crime of Theft (Class C), Ms. Walker received a sentence of three years to the Department of Corrections, all but 90 days suspended, and two years of court probation with special conditions that did not include any limitation on her ability to work as a nurse. Her jail sentence commences September 8, 2013. [Exhibit A]
4. Stephanie A. Walker requests that the Board postpone any presentation or adjudication of this matter pending release from Twin Bridges Regional Jail.
5. This Consent Agreement has been negotiated by legal counsel for Ms. Walker, the Board, and legal counsel for the Board in order to both postpone the previously scheduled informal conference and ensure the protection of the public. Absent acceptance of this Consent Agreement by signing, dating and returning it to Jayne Winters, Compliance Officer, at the Maine State Board of Nursing, 158 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0158 **on or before October 9, 2013**, this matter will be brought back to the Board for further attention.



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6. By signing this Consent Agreement, Stephanie A. Walker waives, in her personal capacity and through legal counsel, any and all objections to, and hereby consents to the presentation of this proposed Consent Agreement to the Board for possible ratification. Ms. Walker waives, in her personal capacity and through legal counsel, any arguments of bias or otherwise against any of the Board members in the event that the Board ratifies or fails to ratify this proposed Consent Agreement.

COVENANTS

7. Stephanie A. Walker acknowledges the facts as stated above and agrees to the **IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION** of her license to practice nursing in the State of Maine effective upon final execution of this Consent Agreement, which suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the Board takes final action regarding this complaint.
8. 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 Board Rules. The State of Maine is Ms. Walker's "home state" of licensure and primary state of residence, which means that she has declared the State of Maine as her fixed permanent and principal home for legal purposes; her domicile. Other party states in the Compact are referred to as "remote states," which means party states other than the home state that have adopted the Compact. Ms. Walker understands this Agreement is subject to the Compact.
9. Stephanie A. Walker understands and agrees she shall not work or volunteer in any capacity for a health care provider as defined by 24 M.R.S. § 2502(2) or in any position holding herself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation "RN," nor will she practice nursing or render any nursing services to any person in the State of Maine during the term of this Consent Agreement.
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. This Agreement is subject to the federal reporting requirements pursuant to Section 1128E of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR Part 61 and any other interstate/national reporting requirements.
12. Any modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
13. This Consent Agreement is not appealable, constitutes disciplinary action, and is effective until modified or rescinded by the parties hereto or until the Board takes final action regarding this complaint.
14. The Board and the Office of the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding any matter related to this Consent Agreement.
15. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall restrict in any way the Board's or the Attorney General's authority or ability to investigate this matter further. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.

16. Violation of any of the terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement by Ms. Walker shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for discipline.
17. Stephanie A. Walker acknowledges by her signature hereto that she has read this Consent Agreement, that she has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Consent Agreement, that she executed this Consent Agreement of her own free will, and that she agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.
18. This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

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

DATED: 9.27.13

Stephanie A. Walker RN
STEPHANIE A. WALKER, RN

DATED: 9/27/2013

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DATED: 10/4/13

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