BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of Registered Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 645284

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issued to REGINA FLETCHER LUM

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of REGINA FLETCHER LUM, Registered Nurse License Number 645284, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. ARt. 4525(b)(2)&(9)(effective 9/1/1997), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 13, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Wagner College School of Nursing, Staten Island, New York, on May 1, 1977. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 11, 1997.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about December 10, 1996, Respondent submitted the Temporary License/Endorsement Application to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that Respondent answered "No" to the question:

"Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about August 23, 1991, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere and was convicted of Count 1-OBSTRUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER and Count 2-SIMPLE BATTERY (Misdemeanor offenses committed on June 7, 1991), in the State Court, Gwinnett County, Georgia, under Criminal Action No. 91D-2056-1. Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Gwinnett County Correctional Institution for a period of twelve (12) months; however, the imposition of sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: On June 7, 1991, her estranged husband entered her home and attempted to abduct her, 3 month-old son. In her attempt to restrain him, a struggle and altercation ensued. The Sheriff's department was called and both of them were detained and eventually taken into custody. She was charged with simple battery and obstruction of a law officer. She pleaded nolo contendere and paid a fine, court cost, and the sentence was suspended. In her error, this was not disclosed when she applied for her temporary RN license endorsement on December 6, 1996. She was unaware that she had to disclose this information since the case was suspended and was closed soon after.
- 8. Formal Charges were filed on January 18, 2011.
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 31, 2011.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. ART. 4525(b)(2)&(9)(effective 9/1/1997), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(17)(effective 9/1/1997).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations

Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 645284, heretofore issued to REGINA FLETCHER LUM, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 et seq. and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved

provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(\$500) dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

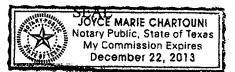
IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

| Signed this 16th day of June, 2011. |
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| REGINA FLETCHER LUM, Respondent |
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>//e fa</u> day of <u>//erre</u>, 20/1.



Notary Public in and for the State of TLXQS

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <a href="https://line.com/



Effective this 27th day of June, 2011.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf of said Board