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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 541224	§	
issued to PATRICIA A. HICKS	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of PATRICIA A. HICKS, Registered Nurse License Number 541224, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4525(a)(2)&(9) (eff 9/1/81). Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on December 19, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN 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 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Wharton County Junior College, Wharton, Texas, on May 1, 1987. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 24, 1987.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.
6. On or about May 20, 1987, Respondent submitted a Registration by Examination for License to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she 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 June 21, 1983, Respondent pled Guilty and was convicted of DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, a Class A Misdemeanor offense committed on May 27, 1983, in the 182nd District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 381379. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Harris County Jail for a period of sixty (60) days.

7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: She was a teenager 28 years ago when this offense occurred. It was a difficult time in her life. She deeply regrets the actions of her past and used this experience to change her life. She had started to associate with the wrong crowd and this led to bad decisions and experimenting with drugs. With the help of her family, her church, and counseling, she was able to turn her life around. It was always her dream to become a nurse. She has been an excellent nurse for 24 years. She loves her job and loves taking care of babies and new mothers.

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 a violation of TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4525(a)(2)&(9) (eff 9/1/81).
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 541224, heretofore issued to PATRICIA A. HICKS, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). 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.

(2) 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 not 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>.

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.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

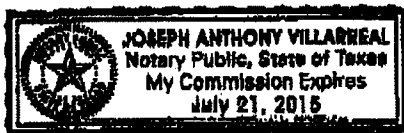
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order.
I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final 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 31st day of January, 2012.

Patricia A. Hicks
PATRICIA A. HICKS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of January, 2012.

SEAL



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

me
Approved as to form ~~and substance~~.

Nancy Roger Willson
NANCY ROGER WILLSON, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 1st day of February, 2012

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 31st day of January, 2012, by PATRICIA A. HICKS, Registered Nurse License Number 541224, and said Order is final.



Effective this 2nd day of February, 2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Katherine A. Thomas".

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