### IN THE MATTER OF

PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 173552 ISSUED TO ROBERT LOUIS BAXTER

## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ELIGIBILITY AND

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



## ORDER OF THE BOARD

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TO: ROBERT LOUIS BAXTER 5848 NORTHWEST DR MESQUITE, TX 75150

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on September 11, 2012, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN, CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

do hereby certify this to be a complete, and true copy of the document wh son file or is of record in the offices of the lexas Board of Nursing. Attraction of Marman Securitye Director of the Board reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 173552, previously issued to ROBERT LOUIS BAXTER, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

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

Entered this 11th day of September, 2012.

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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed July 20, 2012.

Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 173552 Issued to ROBERT LOUIS BAXTER DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that on the  $13^{\text{M}}$  day of September , 2012, a true and correct

copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as

follows:

<u>Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested</u> ROBERT LOUIS BAXTER 5848 NORTHWEST DR MESQUITE, TX 75150

Via USPS First Class Mail

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BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

### In the Matter of Permanent License Number 173552, Issued to ROBERT LOUIS BAXTER, Respondent

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

### FORMAL CHARGES

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This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, ROBERT LOUIS BAXTER, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 173552, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

#### CHARGE I.

On or about October 25, 2004, Respondent was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol, Region 6, District A, Waco, Texas, for FICTITIOUS COUNTERFEIT INSP/INS DOC FOR DISPL, a Class B misdemeanor offense. On or about December 16, 2004, Respondent pled Nolo Contendere to FICTITIOUS MVI/INSURANCE, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on October 25, 2004, in the County Court of Navarro County, Texas, under Cause No. 54850. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code(effective 9/1/03), and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

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### CHARGE II.

On or about February 20, 2005, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document Licensed Vocation Nurse to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he answered "No" to the question: "Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession {MIP} or minor in consumption {MIC} do not need to be disclosed, therefore, you may answer "No". If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes".)"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on about December 16, 2004, Respondent pled Nolo Contendere to FICTITIOUS MVI/INSURANCE, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on October 25, 2004, in the County Court of Navarro County, Texas, under Cause No. 54850. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code(effective 9/1/03), and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, <u>www.bon.texas.gov</u>.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Lying and Falsification, which can be found at the Board's website, <u>www.bon.texas.gov</u>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html</u>.

Filed this \_ 20 th day of \_ July <u>\_\_\_\_, 20\_12</u>.

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