BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING





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5/2008 - 9/2011

Staff Nurse

Edinburg Regional Medical Center

Edinburg, Texas

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

Executive Director of the Board

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South Texas Health System

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McAllen, Texas

10/2011 - Present

Unknown

- 5. On or about September 6, 2011, through September 12, 2011, while employed as a staff nurse with South Texas Health System, McAllen, Texas, Respondent failed to completely and accurately assess Patient MR#341040, who was subsequently found to have developed a Stage III pressure ulcers underneath the patient's BiPAP mask.
- 6. On or about September 6, 2011, through September 12, 2011, while employed as a staff nurse with South Texas Health System, McAllen, Texas, Respondent failed to implement nursing measures to prevent the development of a Stage III pressure ulcers underneath Patient MR#341040's BiPAP mask.
- 7. On or about September 6, 2011, through September 12, 2011, while employed as a staff nurse with South Texas Health System, McAllen, Texas, Respondent failed to completely and accurately document a physical assessment of Patient MR#341040.
- 8. On or about September 9, 2011, while employed as a staff nurse with South Texas Health System, McAllen, Texas, Respondent falsely documented that a facial pressure ulcer was present on Patient MR#341040 at the time the patient was admitted to the hospital.
- 9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), through Ten (10), Respondent states she assumed care of the patient, and she assessed and noted the pressure ulcer. According to Respondent, she notified Respiratory Therapy to change to a non-rebreather mask, removed the duoderm dressing to take pictures and notified the house supervisor.
- 10. On November 15, 2012, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated November 9, 2012, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

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 violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.11(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(B),(4)&(6)(A).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against, Registered Nurse License Number 753743, heretofore issued to CELESTE JOANNE DONATO FLORES, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 753743, heretofore issued to CELESTE JOANNE DONATO FLORES, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of registered nurse or the abbreviation RN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

Effective this 15th day of November, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

CELESTE JOANNE DONATO FLORES 4201 S. DECATUR BLVD., #2051 LAS VEGAS, NV 89103

Registered Nurse License Number 753743

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear	Texas	Board	of Nu	rsing
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I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Date	Coree			
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Registered	Nurse License Number 753743			

The State of Nevada

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared CELESTE JOANNE DONATO FLORES who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

Sworn to before me the $\frac{9+h}{1}$ day of $\frac{NOVEMBER}{2012}$.

Notary Public in and for the State of Newoda. equity of clark.

GAIL G. BROWN lotary Public. State of Nevada