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William C. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered §
Nurse License Number AP115213 and §
Registered Nurse License Number 614189 §
issued to DEBRA KAYE BILBO §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115213, and Registered Nurse License Number 614189, issued to DEBRA KAYE BILBO, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent holds a license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas which is in delinquent status.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Excelsior College, New York, New York, on January 1, 1992, and received a Master's Degree in Nursing with a Certificate from the Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner Program from the University of Arkansas for Medicine Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas, on May 20, 2006. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 23, 1995, and was Board recognized as Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authority on August 4, 2006.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

5. On or about March 18, 2014, the Board provided notice to Respondent for the following allegations:

On or about November 8, 2010, and November 15, 2010, while employed as an Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner with ArkLaTex Health System, Texarkana, Arkansas, Respondent failed to accurately diagnosis Patient J.J. when he presented to the office with complaints of "chest tightness, non-productive cough, and a fever. Instead of also assessing the patient for any kind of cardiac issues, Respondent diagnosed the patient with pneumonia, on the initial visit, and prescribed an antibiotic and cough medication. When the patient returned seven (7) days later with complaints of diarrhea, Respondent prescribed an antispasmodic but again did not assess for any cardiac problems. Less than twenty four (24) hours later, the patient collapsed in an emergency department due to "cardiac failure."

6. On April 22, 2014, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated April 15, 2014, 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)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(4)(A) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against, Advanced Practice Registered nurse License Number AP115213, and Registered Nurse License Number 614189, heretofore issued to DEBRA KAYE BILBO, 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 301.453(d), Texas

Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115213, and Registered Nurse License Number 614189, heretofore issued to DEBRA KAYE BILBO, 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 advanced practice or professional nursing, use the title of advanced practice or registered nurse or the abbreviation APRN or RN, or wear any insignia identifying herself as an advanced practice or registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is an advanced practice or 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 22nd day of April, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

DEBRA KAYE BILBO
14 HIDDEN VALLEY
TEXARKANA, TX 75501
Registered Nurse License Number 614189

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

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

Debra Kaye Bilbo

Date

4/15/14

Registered Nurse License Number 614189

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared DEBRA KAYE BILBO 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 _____ day of _____, 20____.

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of _____