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Patricia Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	§	AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 753198	§	
issued to JENNIFER A EDGE	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JENNIFER A EDGE, Registered Nurse License Number 753198, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

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 notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Rapid City Regional Hospital School of Nursing, Rapid City, South Dakota on December 1, 1985. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 14, 2008.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

05/07 - 01/12	Director of care Delivery	Heartland Health Care Center
01/12 - 04/12	Director of Nursing	Snyder Health Care Center
04/12 - Present	Registered Nurse	Epic Home Health Service

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a with Epic Home Health Service, as a Registered Nurse, and had been in that position for two years.
7. On or about August 14, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Epic Health Services, Austin, Texas, Respondent was found sleeping during her shift. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that sleeping on assignment could have resulted in the patient not getting the care that they need.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she admits to the allegation. Respondent had worked six 12hr shifts plus an 8hr shift. Respondent was extremely tired and should have cancelled her shift but didn't. Respondent cared for her patient all night and when she sat down to chart at 5:30 am she fell asleep and was asleep for approximately an hour.
10. Formal Charges were filed on March 3, 2015.
11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on March 4, 2015.
12. Respondent, by his/her signature to this Order, expresses his/her desire to voluntarily surrender his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 §217.12 (1)(E)&(5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 753198, heretofore issued to JENNIFER A EDGE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.
6. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.

7. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
8. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of Registered Nurse License Number 753198, heretofore issued to JENNIFER A EDGE, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself 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.

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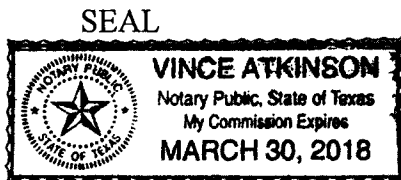
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this 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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 9th day of April, 2015.

Jennifer A. Edge
JENNIFER A. EDGE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of April, 2015.



Vince Atkinson
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 753198, previously issued to JENNIFER A EDGE.

Effective this 15th day of April, 2015.

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

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