In the Matter of **Permanent Vocational Nurse** License Number 310401 Issued to AMY BURT, Respondent

BEFORE THE TEXAS

**BOARD OF NURSING** 

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**ELIGIBILITY AND** 

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE** 

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Amy Burt 2313 Vine St

Brownwood, TX 76801

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 18, 2020, 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

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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 310401, previously issued to AMY BURT 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.

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Entered this 18th day of August, 2020

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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

Attachment: Formal Charges filed June 17, 2020

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Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 310401 Issued to AMY BURT DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the $13^{19}$ day of $406$ ust $400$ , $400$ , a true and
correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s),
as follows:
Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, Copy Via USPS First Class Mail Amy Burt 2313 Vine St Brownwood, TX 76801
BY:

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

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## FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, AMY BURT, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 310401 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 August 21, 2019 through January 21, 2020, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Brownwood Medical Associates, Brownwood, Texas, Respondent obtained Hydrocodone-Acetaminophen from CVS Pharmacy, Jacobs Family Pharmacy, and United Pharmacy, through the use of seventeen (17) fraudulent prescriptions issued under her name and the name of her glaughter, by using the name and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number assigned to Narendra Laxmikant Nigalye, MD, without his authorization. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy, and possession of Hydrocodone through use of unauthorized, fraudulent prescriptions is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)&(1)(B) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(4),(6)(H),(10)(E)&(11)(B).

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) and/or privilege(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.

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, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct, on adopted policies related to Behavior Involving Lying and Falsification, and on adopted policies related to

Behavior Involving Fraud, Theft, and Deception, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order(s) of the Board dated September 11, 2012.

Filed this 17 day of June, 2020.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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AMY LYNN CARRIGER, \$

PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure \$ CORRECTIVE ACTION

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Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may be ineligible for licensure pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

PETITIONER waived representation by counsel and agreed to the entry of this Corrective Action offered on July 30, 2012, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about November 16, 2011, PETITIONER submitted an Application by Examination requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.2(b) and §213.30.
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- 4. PETITIONER completed the Application by Examination and answered "No" to the question which reads: "For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
  - A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
  - B. been convicted of a felony?
  - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
  - D. received deferred adjudication?
  - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
  - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
  - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
  - H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
  - I. been <u>cited</u> or charged with any violation of the law?
  - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation, or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"
- 5. PETITIONER failed to truthfully disclose the following criminal history, to wit:
  - A. On or about November 5, 2011, Petitioner was arrested by the Comanche County Sheriff's Office, Comanche, Texas, for BAIL JUMPING AND FAIL TO APPEAR FELONY.
- 6. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.
- 7. The above action constitutes grounds for corrective action pursuant to Section 301.652, Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.32(2)(D).
- 8. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.453 and 301.651 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 9. PETITIONER has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Application by Examination, her past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27.
- 10. PETITIONER presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
- 11. The Executive Director considered evidence of PETITIONER'S past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that PETITIONER currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
- 12. The Executive Director considered evidence of PETITIONER'S past criminal conduct in light of the considerations and criteria provided in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§213.28 & 213,83, and, if applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.

- 13. Licensure of PETITIONER poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided PETITIONER complies with the conditions outlined in this Corrective Action.
- 14. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of PETITIONER'S disclosures.
- 15. PETITIONER has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.
- 16. PETITIONER shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.452 and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. On 6r about November 16, 2011, PETITIONER submitted an Application by Examination regilesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.2(b) and §213.30.
- 3. PÉTITIONER'S history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code.
- 4. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. The Board may resolve violations of and potential ineligibility for licensure under the Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice with Corrective Action pursuant to Section 301.651 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 6. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §213.28 and, if applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 7. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the

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Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.

8. This Corrective Action is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of PETITIONER'S disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to Revocation of PETITIONER'S license(s).

### **CORRECTIVE ACTION**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED that, upon meeting the requirements for graduation of an appropriate program in nursing education and payment of any required fees, PETITIONER is ELIGIBLE to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NELEX-PN® Examination) and/or the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN® Examination), as applicable.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that PETITIONER SHALL be eligible for temporary authorization to practice as a Graduate Vocational Nurse (GVN) and/or Graduate Nurse (GN), as applicable, in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, upon payment of any required fees, and upon attaining a passing grade on the appropriate National Council Licensure Examination, PETITIONER shall be issued the applicable license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, and, until successfully completed, all licenses issued to PETITIONER shall be subject to the following CORRECTIVE ACTION:

PETITIONER SHALL obtain and read the Texas Nursing Practice Act, and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice.

PETITIONER 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.

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(1) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of licensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. PETITIONER 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 Disciplinatly 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. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Corrective Action, 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://wwwfoon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html

(\$500.00) PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of licensure. 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Corrective Action, this matter shall be closed and this Corrective Action shall remain confidential. However, should PETITIONER fail to successfully complete the terms of this Corrective Action,

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this matter shall be terminated immediately and shall be treated as a disciplinary proceeding under Subchapter J, Texas Occupations Code. Further, should PETITIONER commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Corrective Action shall be treated as prior disciplinary action.

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# PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the PETITIONER in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past criminal conduct, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except that which has already been disclosed in my Application and/or Petition, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Sections 301.157(d), 301.252, 301.253, 301.257, 301.258, 301.260, 301.452 and 301.453, as well as Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., of the Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE 213.27, 213.28, 213.29, and 213.30, which are incorporated by reference as a part of this Corrective Action. I agree with all terms of this Corrective Action. I agree to inform the Board of any other grounds for denial of licensure prior to accepting any permit or license from the Texas Board of Nursing.<sup>3</sup> C

I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Corrective Action, 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.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation and request that the Executive Director of the Texas Board of Nursing enter this Corrective Action.

Signed this 4th day of September 2012 Amy Sum Canage AMY LYON CARRIGER, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

this This day of September.

Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_

KIMBERLY KAY CUPPS
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Gommission Expires
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# 1	WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the
Texas Board o	Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Corrective Action that was signed on the
4th day of	September , 2012 , by AMY LYNN CARRIGER, PETITIONER for
Eligibility for	icensure.

Effective this 11th day of September, 20 12.

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