



MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE NO.)
#P009663)
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Issued to:) ORDER TERMINATING
Deborah J. Forti, L.P.N.) PROBATION
To practice practical nursing)
in the State of Maine)

WHEREAS, on October 2, 1991, License No. #P009663 issued to Deborah J. Forti was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on the sixth day of October, 1992, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Deborah Forti's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Deborah Forti has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation issued October 2, 1991 is hereby terminated.

DATED this ninth day of October, 1992.

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Jean C. Caron, R.N., M.S.
Executive Director

pc: Timothy W. Collier, Assistant Attorney General



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In re:)
Deborah J. Forti, L.P.N.) CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Skowhegan, ME) REGARDING LICENSURE
License #P009663)

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Deborah J. Forti's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Deborah J. Forti, L.P.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated May 30, 1991, Ms. Forti was advised by the Board that it had received letters dated May 1, 1991 from Janet Adams, Vice President for Human Resources, Mid-Maine Medical Center and May 13, 1991, with attachments, from Barbara Whitehead, Vice-President for Patient Services, alleging that Ms. Forti may be in violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(B), (2)(E) and (2)(F). Ms. Forti responded to the Board in letters dated May 9 and June 27, 1991. Subsequently, the Board requested that Ms. Forti attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). The informal conference was held on October 2, 1991. Ms. Forti was present and was not represented by an attorney, but was accompanied by Jeff Matranga, Ph.D., and by Ms. Adams, the hospital's Vice-President for Human Resources.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As a result of the informal conference the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. Licensee admits taking Darvocet from the hospital for her own use.
2. Licensee voluntarily entered and completed a treatment program.
3. Licensee has remained chemical-free for approximately 7 months.

4. Licensee is involved in aftercare and self-help groups.
5. Licensee is currently employed and has the support of her employer.
6. No patients were deprived of any medications as a result of licensee's actions.
7. There is no documented patient harm as a result of licensee's actions.
8. Since returning to work, licensee's performance has met hospital standards.
9. All random urine drug tests of licensee have been negative.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to enter in an agreement with Ms. Forti under which her license is placed on probation for a period of one year with the following conditions:

1. Licensee will remain completely chemical-free.
2. Licensee will continue in her aftercare program as long as prescribed by her counselor.
3. Licensee will notify any nurse employer of the probationary status of her license.
4. Licensee will arrange to have quarterly reports submitted to the Board from her nurse employer and from her counselor, as of October 2, 1991. Licensee waives any claims of confidentiality and privilege which she may have with respect to these reports.
5. Licensee will immediately notify the Board of any change in her employment.
6. The Board agrees to take no further action upon these facts so long as the licensee fully complies with these conditions.

Ms. Forti understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Forti understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Consent Agreement. Ms. Forti affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 3/2/91

BY: Deborah J. Forti L.P.N.
DEBORAH J. FORTI, L.P.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:

DATED: 1/14/92

BY: Jean C. Caron
JEAN C. CARON, R.N., M.S.
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 1/14/92

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