# BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF MARIA ALICE MATULICH

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License No. APPLICANT

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Case No. 14-1647-0

# PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER TO DENY LICENSE

NOW ON THIS \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2015, petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, appears by disciplinary counsel, Michael R. Fitzgibbons, Assistant Attorney General, for a Hearing on the Petition. Respondent does not appear.

Wherefore, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

- 1. Respondent is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas. The Kansas State Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Respondent was sent a copy of the petition and notice of this hearing to respondent's last known address and service is proper. Respondent does not appear.
- 3. Petitioner moves for issuance of a proposed default order revoking respondent's license. The petitioner's request is granted by default pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520.
- 4. The petition is hereby granted and incorporated into this order as if set forth herein.

  Respondent violated the Nurse Practice Act as alleged in the petition.
- 5. Per Petitioner's request, Respondent's request for license to practice nursing is denied. Respondent may not practice nursing in Kansas.
- 6. Costs of the action of \$100 are assessed to respondent to be paid to the board by cash or money order within 30 days of the effective date of this order.
- 7. Respondent shall immediately forward his or her original Kansas nursing license to the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

- 8. This Proposed Default Order shall become effective seven days after service or ten days after mailing of this order unless the Respondent files a written motion with the Board stating why the Proposed Default Order should be vacated and the order is then vacated.
- 9. If this Proposed Default Order becomes effective, the Respondent's request for administrative hearing is dismissed pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520(d).
- 10. Disciplinary counsel shall mail a copy of this proposed default order to respondent's last known address.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sandra Sharon, Presiding Officer Office of Administrative Hearings 1020 S Kansas Ave.

Topeka, KS 66612-1327

# **NOTICE**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527, either party may request a review of this order by filing a petition for review with the Kansas State Board of Nursing. The petition for review shall state its basis. A petition for review must be filed within 7 days from the date this order becomes effective. Failure to timely request a review by the Kansas State Board of Nursing may preclude further judicial review. The petition for review shall be mailed or personally delivered to: State Board of Nursing - Legal Division, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Ste 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-530, if neither party requests a review by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, then this initial order becomes final and binding on both parties on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following its service.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, if the initial order is served by mail, three days are added to the time limits set out above.

Michael R. Fitzgibbons, #12287

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Kansas State Board of Nursing 900 S.W. Jackson, Suite #1051 Topeka, KS 66612-1230

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Maria Alice Matulich 406 Albion Way Fort Collins, CO 80526

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#### **PETITION**

COMES NOW the petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, by and through Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board, Michael R. Fitzgibbons, and for its cause of action states that:

- 1. Respondent, Maria Alice Matulich, has a pending endorsement application. The Board has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Respondent's address of record is 406 Albion Way Fort Collins, CO 80526.
- 3. After an investigation, the Board's investigative committee found reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act, K.S.A. 65-1120, and referred this matter for further proceedings.
- 4. The Kansas State Board of Nursing has the authority under K.S.A. 74-1106 et seq. to examine, license and renew license for duly qualified applicants and may limit, deny, suspend or revoke a license or authorization to practice nursing, may issue a public or private censure and levy administrative fines consistent with K.S.A. 74-1110, if a violation of K.S.A. 65-1120(a) is established.

#### **FACTS**

5. The Respondent in this case has a endorsement application pending from the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014. Respondent submitted a check in the amount of \$125.00, to pay the RN license endorsement. The check was returned by the financial institution for insufficient funds. The Respondent was notified of the returned insufficient funds check and the \$30.00 return check

service fee, by letters dated October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 and again on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014. To date there has been no money order received for payment of the fees.

## **VIOLATIONS**

6. Respondent has violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act as follows:

Count 1: K.S.A.65-1120(a)(1), to be guilty of fraud or deceit in practicing nursing or in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing.

WHEREFORE, petitioner requests a finding that the respondent has violated the Nurse Practice Act, payment of the RN License fee of \$125.00, and returned check service fee of \$30.00, and revocation of respondent's license, and for respondent to be assessed the \$70.00 costs of this action. For a total amount assessed of \$225.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Schmidt Kansas Attorney General

Bv:

Michael R. Fitzgibbons #1228 Assistant Attorney General