

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230

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IN THE MATTER OF

Laura Lea Baker

License No. Endorsement

KSBN

Case No. 15-532-0

SUMMARY ORDER

Now this 25th day of September, 2015, the above matter comes before the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board) pursuant to authority granted to the Board by K.S.A. 65-1120. The Board hereby proposes to find facts and take disciplinary action against the applicant, Laura Lea Baker, by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

1. Applicant filed an application to endorse on or about March 27, 2015. The Board has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
2. Applicant's address of record is 11446 Blue Ridge Blvd., Apt. 85, Kansas City MO 64134.
3. The role of the Kansas State Board of Nursing is to protect citizens of Kansas.
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.
5. After an investigation, the Board's investigative committee found reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act, K.S.A. 65-1120, and referred this matter for further proceedings.
6. K.S.A. 77-511(a)(2)(A) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act authorizes the use of summary proceedings by a state agency if the use of summary proceedings does not violate any provision of law, the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and an opportunity to participate to persons other than the parties, and the state agency believes in good faith, after investigation of the facts, that the allegations will be supported to the applicable standard of proof.

FINDING OF FACTS

7. (a) Applicant was licensed by the State of Missouri as a registered professional nurse.
(b) On or about June 25, 2012 the applicant was employed by Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri.
(c) On or about June 25, 2012 the applicant reported to her place of employment in an intoxicated state; she was fumbling with the Accudose machine, her gait was unsteady, her hair

disheveled, she was slurring her words, and running into walls. An alcohol breath test taken at that time registered a blood alcohol content at .16 BAC.

(d) Applicant was terminated from her position as a result of the positive alcohol test.

(e) Applicant was disciplined by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years effective June 13, 2013, and which included a requirement for random drug screenings.

(f) Applicant's Endorsement Application shows she has not worked as a nurse since July 2012.

VIOLATIONS

8. Applicant's actions are contrary to the Kansas Nurse Practice Act as follows:

Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(3), to have committed an act of professional incompetency;

Count 2: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(4), to be unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol;

Count 3: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(8), to have a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a practical nurse denied, revoked, limited or suspended, or to be publicly or privately censured, by a licensing authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or country or to have other disciplinary action taken against the applicant or licensee by a licensing authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or country.


Count 4: K.S.A. 65-115(b), to be deficient in qualification to practice as a registered nurse in Kansas in that she has not worked as a registered nurse since July 2012.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING THAT

- 1. Applicant's endorsement is denied. Applicant may re-apply after having worked as nurse for one (1) year.**
- 2. Licensee shall not practice nursing in the state of Kansas.**
- 3. Licensee shall pay \$70.00 costs of this action to the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective day of this Order.**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, this decision, which is called a Summary Order, is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must submit or direct a written request for hearing to: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Legal Division, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230, (785) 296-4325. **THIS REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER.** If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Order becomes effective as a final order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing. If a hearing is requested, the prior issuance of a summary order shall not affect the burden of proof.

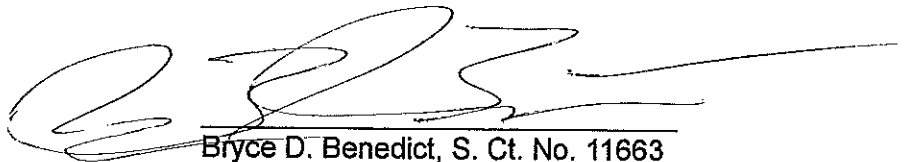
Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, if the Summary Order is served by mail, three days are added to the time limits set out above.


Judith Hiner, RN, BSN
Investigative Committee, Chair
Kansas State Board of Nursing

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 25th day of September, 2015, the foregoing copy of the Summary Order was served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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