

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: TAMMY ANN HARRIS, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant**  
**LicenseNumber: 0002-053181**  
**Case Number: 179555**

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**ORDER**

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**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11), a panel of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") held a formal administrative hearing on May 17, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Tammy Ann Harris' application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Tammy Ann Harris, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant, appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

**NOTICE**

By letter dated May 2, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing ("Notice") to Ms. Harris notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on May 17, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On July 17, 1996, the Board issued License Number 0002-053181 to Tammy Ann Harris, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Said license was mandatorily suspended by Department of Health Professions ("DHP") on January 24,

2017. Her primary state of residence is Virginia. Ms. Harris also holds licenses to practice practical nursing in Minnesota (79407) and North Dakota (L14752).

2. On December 30, 2016, the Minnesota Board of Nursing suspended Ms. Harris' license to practice in that state, after making a finding that Ms. Harris owed the state \$500.00 or more in delinquent taxes, penalties, or had not filed tax returns.

3. On February 17, 2017, the Minnesota Board of Nursing issued an Order of Unconditional License for Ms. Harris, which reinstated her license to practice practical nursing in that state, after finding that she had complied with and fulfilled all the conditions of the December order suspending her license.

4. Ms. Harris is currently employed at Autumn Care of Altavista as an assistant to the social worker. She had been working as a nurse at that facility until her mandatory suspension and intends to return to nursing once her license is reinstated.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(7).
2. Tammy Ann Harris, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant otherwise meets the requirements of Virginia Code § 54.1-3020.

#### **ORDER**


Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board at the proceeding, effective upon entry of this Order, ORDERS that the license issued to Tammy Ann Harris, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is REINSTATED without restriction.

2. Ms. Harris shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:

May 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay Douglas, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

Certified True Copy

By   
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Virginia Board Of Nursing