

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           PATRICK GLEN DALTON, R.N.**  
**License Number:   0001-231490**  
**Case Number:       172053**

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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 inquire into evidence that Patrick Glen Dalton, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Patrick Glen Dalton, R.N., did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

**NOTICE**

By letter dated April 20, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing (“Notice”) to Ms. Dalton 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. According to the USPS tracking website, notice was left at Mr. Dalton’s address of record on April 22, 2017 of the certified mail package. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the panel Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Dalton and the formal hearing proceeded in her absence.

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. Patrick Glen Dalton, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-231490 to practice professional nursing on June 27, 2011. Said license is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2018. At all times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. His primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. During the course of his employment with AMN Healthcare travel nursing agency, while assigned to High Point Regional Hospital, High Point, North Carolina, in September 2015, Mr. Dalton submitted time sheets on which he falsely indicated that he had worked hours at High Point Regional Hospital in September when, in fact, the last day he worked there was on August 27, 2015. Further, he forged the signature of his High Point Regional Hospital supervisor on these time sheets.

3. Mr. Dalton's employer billed over \$10,000 for hours he did not work based on the fraudulent time sheets.

4. As a result of this incident, Mr. Dalton's employment with AMN Healthcare was terminated.

5. Mr. Dalton failed to respond to the numerous attempts by the investigator from the Department of Health Professions.

6. Bertha Carter, the director of human resources at High Point, testified that the signature on the time sheets that Mr. Dalton submitted was clearly not the signature of the supervisor.

## CONCLUSION OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(e) effective February 24, 2017).

## ORDER

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

1. Patrick Glen Dalton, R.N., is assessed a MONETARY PENALTY of \$5,000.00. This penalty shall be paid to the Board by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia within 60 days from the date of entry of this Order. Failure to pay the full monetary penalty by the due date may cause the matter to be sent for collection and constitutes grounds for an administrative proceeding and further discipline.

2. The license issued to Patrick Glen Dalton, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years from the date of entry of this Order.


3. The license of Patrick Glen Dalton, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

5. Should Mr. Dalton seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Ms. Dalton to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Ms. Dalton shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

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

  
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 26, 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, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., 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.

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Virginia Board Of Nursing