

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KARA N. WILDER, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT, R.N. APPLICANT
License No.: 0002-092165

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 28, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Kara N. Wilder, L.P.N., for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia, which was mandatorily suspended by Order of the Department of Health Professions on March 19, 2015, to receive and act upon Ms. Wilder's application for licensure by examination as a registered nurse and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Wilder may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Wilder was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kara N. Wilder, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-092165 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 19, 2015. Said license was mandatorily suspended pursuant to § 54.1-2409 of the Code by Order of the Department of Health Professions entered on September 8, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Wilder submitted an application for reinstatement of her practical nursing license to the Board on October 13, 2015.
3. Ms. Wilder submitted an application for licensure by examination as a registered nurse, which

was received by the Board on February 11, 2015.

4. On August 6, 2015, in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Ms. Wilder was convicted of felony mail fraud. Said conviction formed the basis of the mandatory suspension of Ms. Wilder's license to practice practical nursing.

5. Ms. Wilder was placed on two years' probation and ordered to pay a \$100 assessment and \$16,902.52 in restitution, which were paid in full in October 2015.

6. Ms. Wilder testified that she fraudulently used another individual's military identification card to obtain medical and dental services. Ms. Wilder was dating a man in the military and used his wife's name when she was hospitalized for an appendectomy and for a follow-up medical appointment. She also used the wife's name and insurance benefits for a dental appointment the following month.

7. Ms. Wilder testified that she saw a therapist in September and October 2015, and is being prescribed Xanax, Trazodone and Viibryd.

8. Ms. Wilder admitted that she pretended to be someone else in order to receive medical care. Ms. Wilder stated that she has learned there are better ways to find help. She told the Board that she loves caring for patients and she wants to be able to continue to help people and have a positive impact on people's lives.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. Ms. Wilder has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner and that she meets the requirements of § 54.1-3017 of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board at the hearing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Kara N. Wilder is hereby REPRIMANDED.

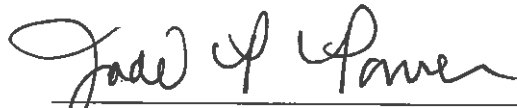
2. License No. 0002-092165 of Kara N. Wilder to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is REINSTATED contingent upon verification that she has completed the NCSBN online course Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

3. The application of Kara N. Wilder for licensure as a registered nurse is hereby APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN examination and the above-referenced online course, Ms. Wilder shall be issued an unrestricted license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth.

4. Ms. Wilder shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical and professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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

FOR THE BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing



February 18, 2016
ENTERED

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 P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, 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.