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January 23, 2017

Elizabeth Mae Howlett, R.N.
1389 Alleghenyville Road
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DUPLICATE COPY
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 1/23/17

RE: License Number: 0001-255665
Case Number: 177020

Dear Ms. Howlett:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, you are hereby given notice that your right to renew your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered January 23, 2017. You are hereby advised that you may not practice professional nursing or hold yourself out as a licensed professional nurse unless and until the Board of Nursing has notified you in writing that your license has been reinstated. Please return your license to Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

You may apply to the Board for reinstatement of your license, and you shall be entitled to a formal administrative hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of 60 days from the Board's receipt of your reinstatement application. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present at the hearing. The reinstatement application can be found at www.dhp.virginia.gov/Nursing.

If you have any questions about this matter, you can contact me at (804) 367-4474 or anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

Anne Joseph

Anne Joseph, Deputy Director
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc:
Enclosures

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

IN RE: ELIZABETH MAE HOWLETT, R.N.
License Number: 0001-255665
Case Number: 177020

ORDER OF MANDATORY SUSPENSION

In accordance with Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing suspended the license of Elizabeth Mae Howlett, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A certified copy of the Final Order of the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing is attached hereto as Commonwealth's Exhibit 1.

WHEREUPON, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, it is hereby ORDERED that the right of Elizabeth Mae Howlett, R.N., to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Elizabeth Mae Howlett, R.N., will be recorded as suspended. Should Ms. Howlett seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Howlett's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional 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 or copying on request.



David E. Brown, D.C., Director
Virginia Department of Health Professions

ENTERED:

1/23/17

CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Final Order entered December 19, 2016, regarding Elizabeth Mae Howlett, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.



David E. Brown, D.C.

Date: 1/23/17

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Bureau of Professional and
Occupational Affairs

v.

Elizabeth Mae Howlett, RN
Respondent

Docket No. 1424-51-16
File No. 16-51-08033



FINAL ORDER

AND NOW, this 19th day of December, 2016, the State Board of Nursing (Board)¹, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Final Order, the Preliminary Order of July 27, 2016, issued by the Board's Probable Cause Screening Committee terminating Respondent's probation and actively suspending Respondent's license for no less than three years and no response having been filed by Respondent, hereby **ORDERS** that the Preliminary Order is now the **FINAL ORDER** in this matter. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing, license number RN662011, is actively **SUSPENDED**, for no less than three years, retroactive to July 27, 2016.

Respondent may petition for reinstatement after three years. Respondent must submit to the Board satisfactory evidence that Respondent is able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients and has completed at least three years of rehabilitation and continuous sustained recovery. Documentation of such recovery shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) An evaluation and assessment from a treatment provider approved by the Professional Health Monitoring Program (PHMP) indicating that Respondent is fit to safely practice as a nurse. Respondent may obtain the names of PHMP-approved treatment providers by contacting the PHMP, P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105;
- (b) Periodic and random drug and alcohol screening indicating the lack of illicit substances, the last screen to be completed no more than thirty (30) days prior to the petition for reinstatement;
- (c) A current Criminal History Record Information (a/k/a "Criminal Record Check") from a governmental agency from all states where Respondent has resided since the suspension, compiled no more than three months prior to the petition for reinstatement; and

¹The members of the Probable Cause Screening Committee were Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN, Ann M. Coughlin, MBA, MSN, RN, and Robert E. Ames. Other than making the initial determination to order the mental/physical examination, Ms. Hendricks, Ms. Coughlin and Mr. Ames recused themselves from further consideration of this matter.

TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
CERTIFIED FROM THE RECORD
THIS 20th DAY OF Jan AD. 2017

Lynda L. Dordson
PROTHONOTARY

(d) A signed verification that Respondent has not practiced nursing since the suspension.

Prior to reinstatement, Respondent must prove at a formal hearing before the Board or its designee that Respondent is capable of practicing nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Thereafter, Respondent must also meet all administrative requirements prior to the license being reinstated.

Respondent shall immediately cease practicing the profession. Within ten (10) days, the Respondent shall surrender the wall certificate, registration certificate, wallet card, and other licensure documents, if Respondent has not already done so, by forwarding them to the following address:

State Board of Nursing
Board Counsel
P.O. Box 69523
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9523

This order shall take effect immediately.

**BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND
OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BY ORDER:
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**


IAN J. HARLOW
COMMISSIONER


KRISTEN MALADY, RN, BSN
CHAIRPERSON

Respondent:

Elizabeth Mae Howlett, RN
1389 Alleghenyville Rd.
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Prosecuting Attorney:

Michael J. Gennett, Esquire
2601 North Third Street, P.O. Box 69521
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Board Counsel:

Megan E. Castor, Esquire

Date of Mailing:

Dec 19, 2016

NOTICE

The attached Final Order represents the final agency decision in this matter. It may be appealed to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania by the filing of a Petition for Review with that Court within 30 days after the entry of the order in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure. See Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure entitled "Judicial Review of Governmental Determinations," Pa. R.A.P 1501 - 1561. Please note: An order is entered on the date it is mailed. If you take an appeal to the Commonwealth Court, you must serve the Board with a copy of your Petition for Review. The agency contact for receiving service of such an appeal is:

Board Counsel
P.O. Box 69523
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9523

The name of the individual Board Counsel is identified on the Final Order.