

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:                   KELLY A. PEREN, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on August 4, 2009, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Kelly A. Peren’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia, which was suspended by an Order of the Board entered July 30, 2002. Ms. Peren was present and was not represented by counsel. Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Kelly A. Peren was issued License No. 0001-144472 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 18, 1995. Said license was suspended by an Order of the Board entered on July 30, 2002, due to her inappropriate administration of medication to her patients without a physician’s order, and drug diversion.
2. Ms. Peren submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing which was received by the Board on January 21, 2009.
3. Ms. Peren reports her date of sobriety as June 2005.
4. Ms. Peren stated that from 2003 – 2005, she attended Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous regularly and had a sponsor. Ms. Peren stated that she still attends Alcoholics Anonymous occasionally to stay grounded.
5. Ms. Peren reported that she has been working as a landscaper and has not worked as a professional nurse since 2002, but has provided nursing care to family and friends.

6. Ms. Peren reports that she is not currently taking any prescription medication and is not under a doctor's care

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Ms. Peren meets the requirements pursuant to Board of Nursing regulation 18VAC90-20-230 and has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice as a professional nurse in a safe and competent manner.

### ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The license of Kelly A. Peren to practice professional nursing in Virginia is hereby REINSTATED.
2. Ms. Peren shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of not less than six months of actual nursing practice and subject to the following terms and conditions:
3. Ms. Peren shall enroll in and successfully complete a Board-approved refresher course and shall not practice until she has provided written evidence to the Board of satisfactory completion of said course and has received permission from the Board to do so.
4. Ms. Peren shall be required to have two supervised, unannounced random drug screens a month from a Board approved testing entity, which include(s) testing for alcohol and narcotics. Ms. Peren shall ensure that the first set of results are received by the Board no later than sixty (60) days from the date she begins practice as a professional nurse. Subsequent results must be received quarterly by the last day of the months of March, June, September and December until the period of probation ends. The Board shall be notified immediately in writing of any positive results or if Ms. Peren refuses to give a specimen for analysis as required by this Order. All positive results must be confirmed by a confirmatory drug test, the results of which are to be sent to the Board immediately.

5. Ms. Peren shall inform the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the date she begins nursing practice, or changes employment, or if any interruption in nursing practice occurs. Additionally, Ms. Peren shall provide the name and address of each employer to the Board.

6. Ms. Peren shall inform her current nursing employer and each future nursing employer that the Board has placed her on probation and shall provide each employer with a complete copy of this Order. If Ms. Peren is employed through a staffing agency, she shall inform her supervisor in each facility where assigned that she is on probation.

7. Ms. Peren shall submit quarterly “Self-Reports” which include a current address, telephone number, and verification of all current employment. These reports shall also include any changes in employment status. The first report must be received in the Board office no later than sixty (60) days.

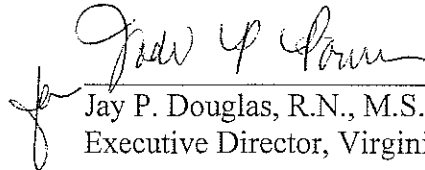
8. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Peren and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license shall be revoked.

9. This order shall be applicable to Ms. Peren’s multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Peren shall not work outside the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Ms. Peren wishes to work. Any request for out of state employment shall be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

10. Ms. Peren shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a 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 COMMITTEE

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

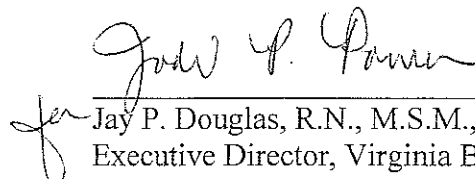
ENTERED: August 20, 2009

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FORMAL HEARING**

If you do not consent to the Committee's decision and desire a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, you shall notify, in writing, the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, within 33 days of the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon expiration of the 33-day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving a timely request for a hearing, this Order shall be vacated and the Board or a panel thereof shall proceed with a hearing as provided in § 2.2-4020 *et seq.* of the Code.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed, by certified and regular mail, this day to Kelly A. Peren, R.N., at 10411 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

  
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Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing  
August 20, 2009  
Date