# BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

KATHLEEN MOORE ILIFF-DARNELL, R.N.

LicenseNumber:

0001-202136

Case Number:

160458

#### **ORDER**

## 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 18, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Kathleen Illiff-Darnell, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Kathleen Moore Iliff-Darnell, R.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

#### NOTICE

By letter dated May 4, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Formal Hearing ("Notice") to Ms. Iliff-Darnell notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on May 18, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

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 11, 2006, the Board of Nursing issued License Number 0001-202136 to Kathleen Moore Iliff-Darnell, R.N. to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Said license is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2017. At all times relevant hereto, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

- 2. By Order of the Board entered January 4, 1993 ("Board's Order"), and amended on January 25, 1993, while licensed as a practical nurse, Ms. Iliff-Darnell was placed on indefinite probation following her conviction for felony possession of PCP (Phencyclidine) and her license expired on February 28, 1993. By Board's Order entered January 31, 1994, Ms. Iliff-Darnell's license was reinstated and she was placed on probation subject to terms and conditions. By Board's Order entered September 28, 1995, Ms. Iliff-Darnell's license was continued on probation as a result of violating the terms of her previous Order entered January 31, 1994. On February 28, 1997, Ms. Iliff-Darnell license expired. By Board's Order entered April 4, 1997, Ms. Iliff-Darnell's right to petition for reinstatement of her license was revoked, based on her violation of the Orders entered January 31, 1994 and September 28, 1995. By Board's Order entered September 8, 2000, Ms. Iliff-Darnell's license to practice practical nursing was reinstated.
- 3. On her application for employment with Mary Washington Healthcare, Fredericksburg, Virginia, dated August 8, 2014, Ms. Iliff-Darnell answered "NO" to the question asking whether she had ever been convicted of any felonies, when, in fact, in 1992 she had been convicted of felony possession of PCP, phencyclidine (C-II), in the Circuit Court of Prince William County.
- 4. Ms. Iliff-Darnell testified that the incorrect answer on her application was a mistake and was not intentional. Ms. Iliff-Darnell testified that when asked by the human resources department at Mary Washington Healthcare about the incorrect response, she readily discussed her criminal history.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 3 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.

### **ORDER**

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

- Kathleen Moore Iliff-Darnell is REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Within 60 days from the date of entry of this Order, Kathleen Moore Iliff-Darnell shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses:
  - a. Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses; and
  - b. Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.
- 3. Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.
- 4. Kathleen Moore Iliff-Darnell shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 5. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of professional nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

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.

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FOR THE BOARD

Jay Douglas, M.S.M., IKN., C.S.A

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

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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 NAME, 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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