

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: BROOKE E. TRENT, R.N.
License Number: 0001-232084
Case Number: 174656

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 September 21, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Brooke E. Trent’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Trent may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Brooke E. Trent, R.N., appeared at this proceeding and was represented by Nathan Mortier, Esquire.

NOTICE

By letter dated August 31, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing (“Notice”) to Ms. Trent notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on September 21, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

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, 2011, the Board issued License Number 0001-232084 to Brooke E. Trent, R.N. to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Said license was mandatorily suspended by the Department of Health Professions on June 3, 2016. Her primary state of residence is

Virginia. Ms. Trent submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing, which was received by the Board on June 30, 2016.

2. On May 20, 2016, Ms. Trent and the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, entered into a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order which revoked Ms. Trent's license to practice professional nursing, stayed the revocation, and placed her on probation for a period of three years. This revocation formed the basis for the mandatory suspension of Ms. Trent's Virginia license by the Department of Health Professions.

3. The California Board's action was based on their finding that Ms. Trent submitted false timecards to her employer, and forged her supervisor's name on three of the timecards.

4. Ms. Trent stated that she now knows that she should gone over how to fill out the timecards with her manager prior to having to submit them. She also testified that she does not intend to return to California, and desires to continue practicing in Virginia. She would like to return to work at Inova Fairfax and to continue her education.

5. Ms. Trent submitted multiple positive letters of support and performance evaluations from nurses and supervisors who worked with her on travel assignments and at Inova Fairfax. At the hearing, she told the Board that she always wanted to be a nurse and that she loves helping people.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(7).


ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board at the proceeding, effective upon entry of this Order, ORDERS that the license issued to Brooke E. Trent, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of

Virginia is REINSTATED without restriction. Ms. Trent shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of 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 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:

October 7th 2016

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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