

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: VALERIE LEWIS-SPRINGFIELD, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT  
License No.: 0001-260537

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), Valerie Lewis-Springfield, R.N., who, prior to its mandatory suspension by the Department of Health Professions on December 3, 2015, held License No. 0001-260537 to practice professional nursing in Virginia, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing. The hearing will be held on March 23, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Lewis-Springfield will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Lewis-Springfield has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Lewis-Springfield desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive and act upon Ms. Lewis-Springfield’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia, and inquire into evidence that Ms. Lewis-Springfield may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

The burden rests upon Ms. Lewis-Springfield, as the applicant, to demonstrate that she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing in Virginia.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2409(D) of the Code, reinstatement of Ms. Lewis-Springfield's license requires the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board in attendance at the hearing.

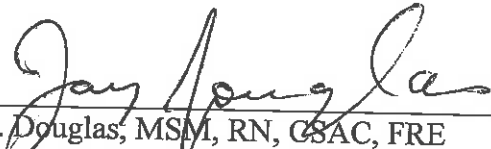
**STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS**

The Board alleges that:

1. Valerie Lewis-Springfield, R.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code in that on or about September 30, 2015, her license to practice professional nursing issued by the Missouri Board of Nursing was suspended due to her failure to file state tax returns and/or pay her state tax liabilities.

2. Ms. Lewis-Springfield may have violated § 54.1-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that on her initial application for licensure dated June 18, 2015, and her application for reinstatement to practice professional nursing dated December 22, 2015, Ms. Lewis-Springfield answered "NO" to the question "Have you ever had disciplinary action taken against your license to practice in a state or against your multi-state privilege to practice?" when, in fact, her Missouri nursing license was suspended in 2015 and in 2013 for failing to file state tax returns and/or pay state taxes.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, GSAC, FRE  
Executive Director for the  
Board of Nursing

ENTERED: March 9<sup>TH</sup> 2016