BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

MONIQUE RENEE FIKES, L.P.N.

License Number:

0002-062795

Case Number:

176763

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 January 25, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Ms. Fikes' application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Fikes may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Monique Renee Fikes, L.P.N., appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated January 11, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing ("Notice") to Ms. Fikes notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on January 25, 2017. 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. Monique H. Fikes, L.P.N. holds License No. 0002-062795 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Said license was mandatorily suspended pursuant to § 54.1-2409 of

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the Code by Order of the Department of Health Professions entered on October 13, 2015. Ms. Fikes' primary state of residence is Louisiana.

- 2. On July 10, 2008, in the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, Ms. Fikes pled guilty to and was convicted of one count of felony issuing worthless checks. She was sentenced to two years supervised probation, \$1,000.00 in fines and costs, and restitution. This conviction formed the basis of the mandatory suspension of Ms. Fikes' license by the Virginia Department of Health Professions.
- 3. On August 21, 2013, Ms. Fikes was issued a pardon by the State of Louisiana after she completed her sentence and paid her fines and restitution.
- 4. On October 14, 2016, Ms. Fikes submitted an application for reinstatement of said license to the Board.
 - 5. Ms. Fikes has not worked as a nurse since her suspension.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(4).

ORDER

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

1. 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 Monique Renee Fikes, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is REINSTATED without restriction.

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2. Monique Renee Fikes, L.P.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical 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.F.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:

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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