

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: LAURA SMUTZ, R.N.  
License No.: 0001-253873**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Laura Smutz, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Smutz's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Laura Smutz, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-253873 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on August 15, 2014. Said license is set to expire on May 31, 2016. Ms. Smutz also has License No. R201570 to practice professional nursing in Maryland, which is set to expire on May 28, 2016. Ms. Smutz's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. During the course of her employment with Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia, Ms. Smutz practiced professional nursing without an active Virginia nursing license from April 27, 2014 through July 22, 2014.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(3) and § 54.1-3008(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

**CONSENT**

Laura Smutz, R.N. by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;

2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

### ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Laura Smutz, R.N. shall pay a MONETARY PENALTY of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to the Board within 90 days of the entry of this Order.
2. Ms. Smutz 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.
3. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Smutz and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

*for* Gloria Mitchell Sively  
Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: July 16, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

[Signature]  
Laura Smutz, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Norfolk, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, KIRAN PATEL, a Notary Public, this 3rd day of July, 2015.

My commission expires 12/31/2018.

Registration Number 365189

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Kiran Patel  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Reg. # 365189  
My Commission Expires Dec. 31, 2018

Certified True Copy  
By [Signature]  
Virginia Board of Nursing