

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: DELONTEA A. RINEHART, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT  
License No.: 0001-207615**

**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”), DeLontea A. Rinehart, who, prior to its suspension by the Department of Health Professions on February 4, 2015, held License No. 0001-207615 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 May 18, at 2:00 p.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. Rinehart will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Rinehart 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. Rinehart 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 the application of DeLontea A. Rinehart for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia which was mandatorily suspended by the Department of Health Professions on February 4, 2015, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Rinehart may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

The burden rests upon Ms. Rinehart, 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 of the Code, reinstatement of Ms. Rinehart'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. DeLontea A. Rinehart may have violated § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code in that:
  - a. By letter dated November 13, 2014, from the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses ("West Virginia Board"), Ms. Rinehart's license to practice professional nursing was suspended after she allowed her license to lapse while on probation. This suspension formed the basis for the mandatory suspension of her license by the Department of Health Professions.
  - b. By Consent Agreement entered September 30, 2013, by the West Virginia Board, Ms. Rinehart was placed on probation for one year, with terms and conditions. Said action was based on findings that Ms. Rinehart practiced professional nursing after the expiration of her temporary license on December 19, 2012.
2. Ms. Rinehart may have violated §§ 54.1-3007(3) and 54.1-3008(A)(2) of the Code in that, from on or about February 6, 2015 to February 18, 2015, during the course of her employment at Shore Memorial Hospital, Easton, Maryland, through Jackson Nurse Professionals, Orlando, Florida, Ms. Rinehart practiced professional nursing without a valid license.

FOR THE BOARD



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Executive Director for the  
Board of Nursing

ENTERED: April 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2015