

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: SUSAN REECE, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-245812**

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on November 19, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Susan Reece, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by David W. Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Erin L. Barrett, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Reece was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Susan Reece, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-245812 to practice as a professional nurse on July 10, 2013. Said license is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2015. Ms. Reece also holds License No. 28173159 to practice professional nursing in the State of Indiana. Ms. Reece's primary state of residence is Indiana.
2. Based upon the representations of Mr. Kazzie and Commonwealth's Exhibits #1 and #2, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
3. On September 27, 2013, Ms. Reece overdosed at work.
4. On January 13, 2014, the Indiana State Board of Nursing placed Ms. Reece on probation after

making findings that she had overdosed at work and had enrolled in the Indiana State Nurses' Assistance Program ("ISNAP").

5. Ms. Reece did not respond to the Department of Health Professions' investigator's attempts to contact her in connection with this case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

1. Findings of Fact No. 3 and 4 constitute violations of 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of 54.1-3007(7) of the Code.

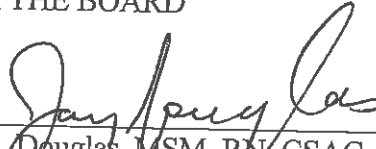
ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0001-245812 issued to Susan Reece, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Ms. Reece will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Reece seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
3. At such time as Ms. Reece shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Reece's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing.

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 on request.

FOR THE BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing



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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 P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, 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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