

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KATHY B. TIGNOR, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-053023

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Kathy B. Tignor, L.P.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Tignor's license to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kathy B. Tignor, L.P.N. was issued License No. 0002-053023 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on June 21, 1996. Said license is set to expire on July 31, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Tignor is unsafe to practice practical nursing due to physical disability, including seizure disorder and chronic migraine headaches. She is receiving treatment for these conditions and has applied for disability benefits.
3. Between May and October 2013, Ms. Tignor abused Ambien (Zolpidem, schedule IV) that was prescribed to her by two different practitioners, each without knowledge of the other. Ms. Tignor was charged with five felony counts of obtaining controlled substances by fraud. In the Circuit Court of Russell County, Virginia, in June 2014, she was granted a deferred disposition on the charges, and the matter is scheduled to be reviewed in June 2015.

4. In an interview with an investigator for the Department of Health Professions on May 19, 2014, Ms. Tignor stated that she was not currently practicing nursing and that she did not intend to return to the practice of nursing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”).

2. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

CONSENT

Kathy B. Tignor, L.P.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 practical 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. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Kathy B. Tignor's license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Tignor shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of nursing. Ms. Tignor shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD



Jane Ingalls, R.N./Ph.D.
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: 11-18-14

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Kathy B. Tignor L.P.N.
Kathy B. Tignor, L.P.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Naomi Tyrel Shelley a Notary Public, this 23rd day of September, 2014.

My commission expires June 30, 2015.

Registration Number 7267227.

Naomi Tyrel Shelley
NOTARY PUBLIC



Certified True Copy

By [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing