

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:**

**PAMELA L. TOMBS, R.N.**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on October 16, 2006, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Pamela L. Tombs, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Tombs was not present and was not represented by counsel. Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Pamela L. Tombs, R.N., was issued license No. 0001-095881 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 22, 1985. Said license expires on February 28, 2008.
2. On or about March 14, 2005, while employed at the Augusta Medical Center, Fishersville, Virginia (“AMC”), Ms. Tombs hung an IV solution of Dextrose 5% in Lactated Ringers on a diabetic patient instead of the physician-ordered lactated Ringers. Thereafter, the patient’s blood sugar registered 474, which was an unusually high level for this patient. She falsified the MAR for this patient by recording that she had administered the physician-ordered IV solution when, in fact, she had substituted the IV solution that contained Dextrose. Ms. Tombs knew that she had made the error and did not make any effort to change the medication. On or about March 29, 2005, Ms. Tombs resigned her nursing position in lieu of termination.

3. While employed at AMC:

a. On or about February, 2004, while admitting a patient from the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia, she wrote orders on the patient based on her hospital records without consulting a physician. As a consequence, she was suspended for three days by her employer.

b. On or about January, 2003, she stopped administration of a patient's antibiotic when the physician had ordered that the antibiotic be continued. As a consequence, she was verbally counseled by her supervisor.

c. On or about December, 2003, a physician ordered a pain medication for his patient. Ms. Tombs wrote "PRN" on the physician's order. As a consequence, she was verbally counseled by her supervisor.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a), (e) and (f) of the Board of Nursing Regulations ("Regulations").
2. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations.

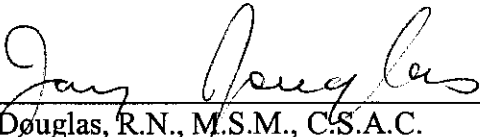
**ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Pamela L. Tombs, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Tombs 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.

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 COMMITTEE

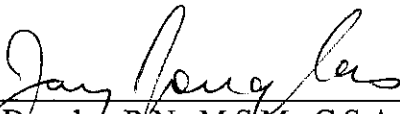
  
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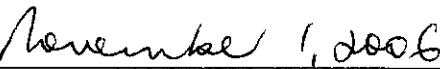
**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FORMAL HEARING**

If you do not consent to the Committee's decision and desire a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, you shall notify, in writing, the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717, within 33 days of the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon expiration of the 33-day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving a timely request for a hearing, this Order shall be vacated and the Board or a panel thereof shall proceed with a hearing as provided in § 2.2-4020 *et seq.* of the Code.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed, by certified and regular mail, this day to Pamela L. Tombs, R.N., at 639 Crozet Avenue, Crozet, Virginia 22932.

  
Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

  
Date