

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:**

**MEKIA D. KATES, C.N.A. APPLICANT**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Mekia D. Kates, as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Kates' application for certification as a nurse aide by examination in Virginia.

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. By application signed May 1, 2014, Mekia D. Kates applied for certification by examination as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Ms. Kates has been convicted of two misdemeanors involving moral turpitude. Specifically:
  - a. On July 16, 2004, she was convicted in the General District Court of Hanover County, Virginia, of one count of petit larceny. She was sentenced to 30 days incarceration with 26 days suspended and ordered to pay \$191.00 in fines and costs. All fines and costs were paid on July 26, 2005.
  - b. On January 10, 2008, she was convicted in the General District Court of Henrico County, Virginia, of one count of petit larceny. She was sentenced to 12 months incarceration with 10 months suspended for three years, and ordered to pay \$201.00 in fines and costs. All fines and costs were paid on October 22, 2008.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").
2. Ms. Kates otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3023 of the Code.

**CONSENT**

Mekia D. Kates, 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 Consent Order affecting her application for certification to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia.

**ORDER**


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

1. The application of Mekia D. Kates for certification as a nurse aide by examination is hereby APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program examination, the Board shall issue Ms. Kates an unrestricted certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Ms. Kates is hereby REPRIMANDED.

3. Ms. Kates shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse aide 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 Consent 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

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

ENTERED: September 11, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

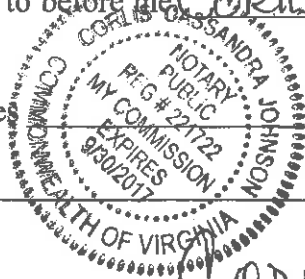
  
Mekia D. Kates

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Corlis C. Johnson, a Notary Public, this 10 day of September 10, 2014.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_



  
NOTARY PUBLIC