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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN RE:

ANN MARIE COBBLER, L.P.N.

License No.: 0002-068384

<u>ORDER</u>

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 December 9, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Ann Marie Cobbler, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical 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. Cobbler was present and was represented by Jonathan Joseph, Esquire. 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. Ann Marie Cobbler, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-068384 to practice as a practical nurse in Virginia on April 6, 2004. Ms. Cobbler also holds License No. LPN1002900 to practice practical nursing in the District of Columbia. Ms. Cobbler's primary state of residence is Maryland.
- 2. On October 3, 2012, the District of Columbia Board of Nursing entered an Order placing Ms. Cobbler on probation for a period of one year ("D.C. Board Order"). The D.C. Board found as follows, and based its Order on the following:
- a. During the course of her employment with United Medical Nursing Center,
 Washington, D.C., on October 12, 2010, Ms. Cobbler recorded a blood glucose reading for a patient at 310

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mg/dl and administered six units of insulin to the patient, when the blood glucose level was actually 137 mg/dl.

- b. Ms. Cobbler recorded a blood glucose reading for another patient at 171 mg/dl, when the blood glucose level was actually 117 mg/dl.
- 3. Ms. Cobbler holds a license in the District of Columbia, but does not hold a Maryland license. Ms. Cobbler testified that she has been an official resident of Maryland for the past twelve years. At the time of her last renewal, which was May 10, 2012, Ms. Cobbler declared her primary state of residence as Virginia.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Findings of Fact Nos. 2(a) and 2(b) constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

- 1. Ann Marie Cobbler, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Ms. Cobbler hereby placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION subject to the following terms and conditions:
- a. The period of probation shall begin on the date that this Order is entered and shall end at such time as the Board receives verification directly from the D.C. Board of Nursing that Ms. Cobbler has successfully completed the terms of the probation imposed by the D.C. Board of Nursing.
- b. Ms. Cobbler shall inform the Board in writing within ten days of the date she begins nursing practice or changes employment, or if any interruption in nursing practice occurs. Additionally, Ms. Cobbler shall provide the name and address of each employer to the Board.
 - c. Ms. Cobbler shall inform her current nursing employer and each future nursing employer

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that the Board has placed her on probation and shall provide each employer with a complete copy of this Order. If Ms. Cobbler is employed through a staffing agency, she shall inform her supervisor in each facility where assigned that she is on probation.

- d. Performance evaluations shall be provided, at the direction of Ms. Cobbler, by all nursing employers, as provided by the Compliance Division. The first report must be received in the Board office no later than 60 days from the date this Order is entered. Subsequent reports must be received quarterly by the last day of the months of March, June, September and December until the period of probation ends.
- e. Ms. Cobbler shall submit quarterly "Self-Reports" which include a current address, telephone number, and verification of all current employment. These reports shall also include any changes in employment status. The first report must be received in the Board office no later than 60 days from the date this Order is entered. Subsequent reports must be received quarterly by the last day of the months of March, June, September, and December until the period of probation ends.
- f. Ms. Cobbler shall return all copies of her license to practice as a practical nurse to the Board office within ten days of the date of entry of this Order along with a payment of a fee of \$15.00. Upon receipt, the Board shall issue a new license marked "Valid in Virginia Only; Probation with Terms."
- g. Ms. Cobbler shall conduct herself as a practical nurse in compliance with the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 30 of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.
- h. Any violation of the stated terms and conditions contained in this Order, or failure to comply with all terms of this Order within five years of the date of entry of the Order, shall be reason for suspending or revoking the license of Ms. Cobbler and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license shall be suspended or revoked.
- i. This Order is applicable to Ms. Cobbler' multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Cobbler shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without

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the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

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, RW, CSAC, FRE

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

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, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., 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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