

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KAREN LIND, R.N.

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, 54.1-2400(10) and 54.1-3010 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (the "Code"), a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Nursing (the "Board") met on February 10, 2004, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon evidence that Karen Lind, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in Virginia. Ms. Lind was present and was represented by counsel, Alan Shachter, Esquire. Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Committee adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Karen Lind, R.N., holds License No. 0001-074737 issued by the Board.
2. Ms. Lind violated § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code, and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations of the Board, in that, on or about March 28, 2003, she altered a prescription for maxidone (hydrocodone bitartrate/acetaminophen, Schedule III) written for her by W. James Werner, M.D., in that, she wrote on the prescription a '2' beside the number of refills section. Ms. Lind obtained said refills on or about April 4, 2003 and April 10, 2003. As a result, on or about July 15, 2003, in Criminal Court, Prince William County, Virginia, Ms. Lind was convicted of one (1) misdemeanor count of possession of a Schedule III substance, in violation of § 18.2-250.A(b) Ms. Lind was sentenced to twelve (12) months incarceration, suspended, and placed on supervised probation for 24 months.

Karen Lind, R.N.


ORDER


On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS that NO SANCTION be imposed on Karen Lind, R.N.

Pursuant to § 2.2-4023 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.

If Ms. Lind does not consent to the Committee's decision and desires a hearing before the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof, Ms. Lind shall notify, in writing, Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 6603 W. Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717 within thirty-three (33) days from the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon the expiration of the thirty-three (33) day period unless a written request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving timely request for a hearing, the Board of Nursing or panel thereof shall then proceed with a hearing as provided in §§ 2.2-4020 and 2.2-4021 of the Code.

FOR THE BOARD


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


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