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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: CATHERINE HOFFA, R.N. APPLICANT**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Catherine Hoffa, as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Hoffa's application for licensure by endorsement to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Catherine Hoffa submitted an application for licensure by endorsement to practice professional nursing to the Virginia Board of Nursing on April 12, 2013. Ms. Hoffa holds current professional nursing licenses in the State of New Jersey and the District of Columbia. She also held a license to practice professional nursing in the State of California that is expired. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. On May 10, 2005, the New Jersey State Board of Nursing entered an Interim Order that accepted Ms. Hoffa's voluntarily surrender of her professional nursing license and ordered her to undergo a psychological evaluation and a skills assessment based on findings that she was criminally charged with fraudulently obtaining a prescription for Tussionex (hydrocodone, Schedule III) and that she abandoned a home health care client.
3. On December 5, 2005, the New Jersey State Board of Nursing entered a Final Consent Order that suspended Ms. Hoffa's professional nursing license for two years, with said suspension terminated upon her submission of proof that she successfully completed the pretrial intervention program that she entered as a result of her indictment for obtaining Tussionex by prescription fraud. The Order further stated that when Ms. Hoffa successfully completed the program, her suspension would be stayed and the remaining portion

would be served as probation, subject to certain terms and conditions. Finally, Ms. Hoffa was ordered to pay investigative costs of \$4,616.33. The Order noted that Ms. Hoffa completed a mental health evaluation, which concluded that she was safe to practice.

4. On January 27, 2009, the New Jersey State Board of Nursing entered a Consent Order that terminated Ms. Hoffa's probation and ordered that her license was free of restriction, but also ordered her to pay the remaining \$1,876.33 in investigative costs that she still owed the Board based on findings that she successfully completed the terms of the December 5, 2005, Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 2 and 3 constitute violations of §54.1-3007(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").
2. Ms. Hoffa otherwise meets the requirements of §§ 54.1-3017 and 54.1-3018 of the Code.

#### CONSENT

Catherine Hoffa, 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 application for licensure to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

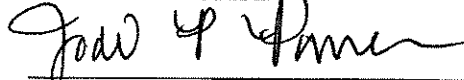
**ORDER**

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 application of Catherine Hoffa for licensure by endorsement as a professional nurse is hereby APPROVED. Ms. Hoffa shall be issued an unrestricted license.
2. Ms. Hoffa is hereby REPRIMANDED.
3. Ms. Hoffa 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 Regulations Governing the Practice of 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



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

ENTERED: June 26, 2013

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Catherine Hoffa  
Catherine Hoffa, R.N. Applicant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Prince William TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Adam A Shreiner, a Notary Public, this 19 day of June, 2013.

My commission expires March 31, 2015.

Registration Number 7500089.

Adam A Shreiner  
NOTARY PUBLIC



Certified True Copy

By [Signature]  
Virginia Board Of Nursing