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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
: Administrative Action
WILLIAMS, DIANNE CAROLINE, RN :
License # 26NR13262100 :
: FINAL ORDER
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE : OF DISCIPLINE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dianne Caroline Williams ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all relevant times.

2. On or about May 10, 2011, Respondent completed her biennial license renewal online for the period of June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013. The online renewal contains a question which asks "Since your last renewal has any action been taken or is any action now pending against your professional license or have you been permitted to surrender or otherwise relinquish your license to avoid inquiry, investigation or action by any other licensing authority that you have not already reported to your

board/committee?" Respondent answered "no" and certified that answer to be true by submitting the online application.

3. The Board received information that the Missouri State Board of Nursing took action against Respondent's Missouri license to practice nursing by suspending that license as of March 31, 2010 for failing to file and/or pay Missouri state taxes. The suspension of Respondent's Missouri license ended on or about September 13, 2011.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board found that Respondent engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, deception, or misrepresentation within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) by certifying on her New Jersey license renewal application that no other licensing authority had taken action against her license when, in fact, another state licensing authority had taken action against her license during the relevant time period.

Additionally, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.9, a licensee shall immediately notify the Board if he or she is the subject of any disciplinary action by any state board. Therefore, Respondent also failed to self-report the Missouri board action to the New Jersey Board. Accordingly, the Board found that Respondent failed to comply with a regulation administered by the Board, and was thus subject to discipline within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline imposing a reprimand and a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty was entered on January 8, 2013 and a copy was forwarded to Respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Ms. Williams replied to the Provisional Order, maintaining that she did not know about the action of the Missouri Board when she renewed her New Jersey nursing license. However, the Board found that adequate steps had been taken to provide Ms. Williams with notice of the suspension, and moreover it was Ms. Williams's responsibility to keep track of the status of her Missouri nursing license. Moreover, Ms. Williams acknowledged that she received notification of the suspension in August of 2011 from the National Practitioner Data Bank, and yet she took no steps to self-report to the New Jersey Board, as required by

N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.9. Accordingly, the Board determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 29th day of May, 2013,
ORDERED that:

1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for her violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (b) and (h).

2. A civil penalty in the amount of two hundred dollars fifty dollars (\$250.00) is hereby imposed upon Respondent. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order payable to [State of New Jersey,] delivered to George Hebert, Executive Director, State of Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the entry of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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