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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :  
FOR LICENSURE OF : Administrative Action  
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KEHINDE ABASS, APPLICANT : CONSENT ORDER  
26NP07632000 :  
TO PRACTICE NURSING :  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :  
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Kehinde Abass's application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse, including certification and authorization form for a criminal history background check, dated June 4, 2012. Upon review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on February 17, 1999 by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Newark, New Jersey and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3 (Theft of Government Funds). On July 26, 1999, the applicant was sentenced to three years of

probation.

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest and conviction on her application for licensure, answering "No" to questions 14 and 15 on the license application which asked if she had ever been arrested or been convicted of any crime, and answering "No" to question 6 on the certification/authorization form for a criminal history background check which asked whether she had ever been arrested and/or convicted. After the Board contacted the applicant with the results of the criminal history background check, she responded by letter explaining that she checked "No" on the application because the case was closed in 2003 after she paid the judgment in full thus leading her to believe that the case was no longer on her record. The applicant explained that as a widow and single mother, she thought she needed financial assistance. However, the court found her to be ineligible for the subsidized apartment in which she was living and she was ordered to refund the assistance she had received for the rental.

The Board finds that the applicant used dishonesty, deception, or misrepresentation in not disclosing her arrest and conviction on her application form and criminal history background check, which constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

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The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Kehinde Abass's application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse shall be granted upon receipt of proof of successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

2. A civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) is hereby imposed upon the applicant for failing to disclose her arrest and conviction on her application and certification/authorization for a criminal history background check. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey," and shall be submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order.

3. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, ~~as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the~~ practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which she

practices nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President

I have read and understand  
the within Consent Order  
and agree to be bound by  
its terms.

Kehinde Abass  
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