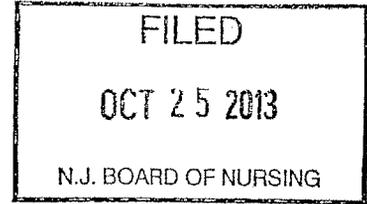


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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE : Administrative Action  
APPLICATION OF :  
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KATHERINE BUFFA : CONSENT ORDER  
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TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED :  
NURSE 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 Katherine Buffa's application for licensure by examination. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had checked

"no" in response to the questions relating to arrests and/or convictions on her application and on the Criminal History Background Check, she had been arrested on November 19, 2006 and charged with offering or serving alcohol to a minor, and was convicted of a local ordinance violation of January 16, 2007. Ms. Buffa claimed that she responded "no" to the questions about arrests and convictions because she did not believe that she was required to report the matter she was charged with or the conviction for a local ordinance violation to the Board.

The Board finds that respondent knew or should have known that by checking "no" on the application in response to three questions about arrests and/or convictions she was providing inaccurate information, and that she therefore engaged in misrepresentation on her application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, inasmuch as the offense appears to be an isolated incident and somewhat distant in time, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment

shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and passage of the required examination.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Murphy PhD APN  
Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C  
Board President

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

K. Buffa  
Katherine Buffa