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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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MARLA G. TAYLOR NR 17695800 : CONSENT ORDER
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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 Marla G. Taylor's application for licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse by endorsement of her Missouri license to practice nursing, including a certification and authorization for a criminal history background check. The criminal history background check revealed that the applicant had two Missouri arrests and convictions for passing a bad check - one in 1990 and one in 1993.

The applicant failed to disclose these arrests on her

application for licensure, answering "No" to the question which asked "Have you ever been summoned; arrested; taken into custody; indicted; tried; charged with; admitted into pre-trial intervention (P.T.I.); or pled guilty to any violation of law, ordinance, felony, misdemeanor or disorderly persons offense, in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?" The application failed to disclose these convictions on her application for licensure, answering "No" to the question which asked "Have you ever been convicted of any crime or offense under any circumstances? This includes, but is not limited to, a plea of guilty, non vult, nolo contendere, no contest, or a finding of guilt by a judge or jury."

After learning that the Board was evaluating her application and her responses to these questions, the applicant provided further information. The applicant maintained that she had mistakenly checked "no" when she should have checked "yes." She provided documentation of the criminal matters and explained that she had gotten herself into a financial mess as a single, unemployed parent more than twenty years ago. She further explained that the two cases actually involved conduct that occurred around the same time, but that the filing of the 1993 charges was delayed due to a misspelling in her last name. She

completed probation, paid all assessments and completed financial management classes. The applicant maintains that she has worked in the healthcare profession since that time and has had no further arrests.

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

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature and timing 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 5th day of November, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

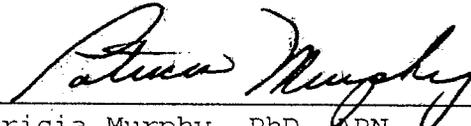
1. Marla Taylor's application for licensure by endorsement as a Registered Professional Nurse shall be granted upon payment of the civil penalty herein imposed.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) is hereby imposed upon the applicant for failing to disclose her arrests and convictions on her application. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money

order payable to "State of New Jersey" submitted with this signed Consent Order, or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment.

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.


Marla G. Taylor