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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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DANIELLE C. COATES : 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 Danielle C. Coates's online application for licensure by examination as a Licensed Practical Nurse, including consent to undergo a criminal history background check. The criminal history background check revealed a 2006 arrest and finding that the applicant was guilty of a local ordinance violation for loitering. The applicant was assessed fines and costs totaling five hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$533).

The applicant failed to disclose the arrest and finding of guilt 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 applicant failed to disclose the finding of guilt 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 explaining that since this information never appeared on any other background check that she had undergone, she thought that the matter was expunged. The applicant maintains that she is now formally starting the process to have the matter expunged.

The Board finds that the applicant violated N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) by engaging in misrepresentation on her application

regarding the above questions and answers. 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 26th day of February, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

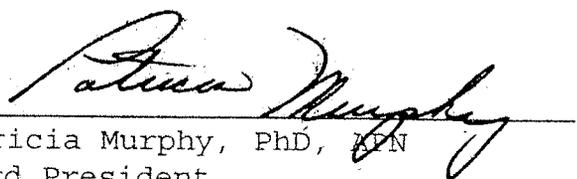
1. Danielle C. Coates's application for licensure by examination as a Licensed Practical Nurse shall be granted upon payment of the civil penalty herein imposed.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) is hereby imposed upon the applicant for failing to disclose her arrest and conviction 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, RN
Board President

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


Danielle C. Coates