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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 LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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ELENI FETFATZES, R.N.	:	FINAL ORDER
License # 26NR 14238700	:	OF DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	
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. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about September 25, 2014, respondent was asked, among other things, to provide the Board with documentation of all nursing continuing education completed within the last three years.

3. Respondent provided the Board with documentation of thirty (30) contact hours of nursing continuing education, and one contact hour of a course in organ and tissue donation, all of which was completed on October 2, 2014 and October 3, 2014.

4. On respondent's renewal application in April of 2013, respondent indicated that she would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to document timely completion of the 2011-2013 continuing education obligation constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's indication on the 2013 renewal application that she would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on March 30, 2015, provisionally imposing a reprimand and a \$250 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent's attorney by certified and regular mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th 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.

Respondent's attorney replied to the Provisional Order with a submission dated April 20, 2015, submitting payment in the amount of \$250. As no discrepancies have been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings are not necessary, and the Provisional Order is hereby made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 14th day of May, 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$250 is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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