

# MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

35 ANTHONY AVENUE STATE HOUSE STATION 158 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333 (207) 624-5275

#### BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE NO. #R32148	)	
"	)	ORDER TERMINATING
Issued to:	)	PROBATION
Karen L. Ringer	)	
To practice professional nursing	)	
in the State of Maine	)	
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WHEREAS, on December 14, 1990, License No. R32148, issued to Karen L. Ringer, was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Karen L. Ringer's compliance with the conditions of said probation at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on December 18, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Karen L. Ringer has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation issued December 14, 1990 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 18th day of December, 1991.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Jean C. Caron, R.N., M.S. Executive Director

Timothy W. Collier, Assistant Attorney General cc:



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

35 ANTHONY AVENUE STATE HOUSE STATION 158 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333 (207) 289-5324

In re:	)	CONSENT A	GREEM	IEN7	REGARDING
Karen L. Ringer, R.N.	)	REINSTATE	EMENT	OF	PROBATIONARY
of Farmingdale, ME	)	LICENSE			

## INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Karen L. Ringer's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B) (1988). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Karen L. Ringer, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

See Consent Agreement of September, 1989. Ms. Ringer met with the Board in informal conference on December 14, 1990. At Ms. Ringer's request, the Board considered reinstatement of her license. Ms. Ringer was present and is represented by attorney Walter T. Ollen, Jr., Esq. Mr. Ollen was not present.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Licensee has met all conditions of her original Consent Agreement.
- 2. Licensee maintains a support system.
- 3. Licensee is currently involved in aftercare.
- 4. Licensee has remained substance free for two years and one week.
- 5. Licensee actively continues her education.

## COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to reinstate Ms. Ringer's registered nurse license on a probationary status for one year and agreed to the following terms and conditions for reinstatement:

- 1. Licensee shall remain substance free.
- 2. Licensee shall continue in aftercare.

- 3. Licensee shall arrange for quarterly reports to be submitted to the Board by her substance abuse counselor.
- 4. Licensee's nurse employer shall be notified of the probationary status of her license.
- 5. Licensee shall arrange for quarterly reports to be submitted to the Board by her nurse employer.
- 6. Licensee hereby waives all claims of confidentiality and privilege she may have regarding reports to be submitted to the Board in accordance with this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Any failure to comply with any term or condition of this Consent Agreement shall result in the immediate, automatic and permanent revocation of Licensee's license.

DATED: 1 1 91	BY: Karen L. RINGER, R.N.
DATED: 1/17/91	FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING:  BY: CM
DATED: 1-18-9/	FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  BY: JAMES D. BIVINS Assistant Attorney General

Counsel to the Board