



MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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In re:) **DECISION & ORDER**
Connie A. Carter, R.N.)
of Freeport, Maine)
License #R034956)

On June ²/₁, 1994 the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board") held an adjudicatory hearing and conducted public deliberations regarding this matter. The proceedings were held at the offices of the Board at 35 Anthony Avenue in Augusta, Maine. Members of the Board who participated in the hearing were: Richard L. Sheehan, Chairman and Presiding Officer, Betty B. Clark, Monica M. Collins, Kathleen A. Dugas, Timothy M. McBrady, Kathi F. Murray, and Karen L. Tripp. The State was represented by Assistant Attorney General Timothy W. Collier. Connie A. Carter, R.N., ("Respondent") was not present and was not represented by counsel.

ISSUE PRESENTED

The issue presented to the Board was as follows: Whether Respondent practiced nursing without a license from April 27 to June 9, 1993, in violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(H) and 2106(3).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was notified by letter on four separate occasions regarding this matter.
2. She chose to ignore those letters.
3. She has not paid the fine of \$40 requested by Board staff.
4. She states that she is working and is licensed now.
5. She states that she continued to practice nursing while her license was in a lapsed status.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board hereby finds that Respondent violated 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(H) and 2106(3) by practicing nursing without a license from April 27 to June 9, 1993.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Board hereby orders that Respondent's professional nurse license be, and it hereby is, **SUSPENDED** for a period of **90 days** or until full payment of the fine also imposed by this order, whichever first occurs. This license suspension becomes effective 30 days from the date of this Decision and Order, unless the fine is paid in full prior to that effective date. The Board hereby further orders that Respondent pay to the Board a **fine** in the amount of **\$500** within **30 days** of the date of this Decision and Order.

RECORD OF THE VOTE

Richard L. Sheehan, R.N., Chair	Favor
Betty B. Clark, R.N.	Favor
Monica M. Collins, R.N.	Favor
Kathleen A. Dugas, L.P.N.	Oppose
Timothy M. McBrady, L.P.N.	Oppose
Kathi F. Murray, R.N.	Favor
Karen L. Tripp	Oppose

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING:



DATED: AUG 26 1994

RICHARD L. SHEEHAN, R.N., CHAIR

APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. Section 11001 and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5) the parties are hereby notified that they have the right to appeal the Board's decision to the Administrative Court within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Decision and Order.