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STATE OF MAINE
ANDROSCOGGIN, ss.

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARING COMMISSIONER

DOCKET NO. 82

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STATE BOARD OF NURSING, of Portland *
County of Cumberland, State of Maine *
Plaintiff *
*
v. *
IRENE W. HOPKINSON, of Augusta, *
County of Kennebec, State of Maine *
Defendant *
* * * * *

DECISION

This case came before the Commissioner on a complaint brought by the Plaintiff alleging that the Defendant, a licensed professional nurse, on February 14, 1968, was found guilty of the crime of obtaining a narcotic drug by subterfuge in violation of 22 M.R.S.A. Section 2375, and that the Defendant, having been found guilty of the crime specified, a felony, is subject to the disciplinary proceedings as set forth in 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105.

After due notice, hearing was held at the Probate Court Room, Androscoggin County Building, Auburn, Maine, on April 24, 1968. Plaintiff was represented by Warren E. Winslow, Jr., Esquire, Assistant Attorney General. Defendant was not present at the hearing and not represented by counsel.

FINDINGS OF FACT: The Commissioner finds from the requisite preponderance of the evidence that the facts are those alleged in the complaint.

Plaintiff introduced into evidence an attested copy of the Judgment and Commitment of the Superior Court, Kennebec County, dated February 15, 1968, in the matter of State of Maine vs. Irene Hopkinson, wherein it is set forth that in the matter of State of Maine vs Irene Hopkinson said Defendant was convicted by a jury of the offense of obtaining a narcotic drug

by subterfuge as charged by indictment No. 3440 and wherein
"it is adjudged that the defendant is guilty as charged and
convicted and ordered to forfeit and pay the sum of five
hundred dollars to the County of Kennebec," and that the
Defendant be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for not
less than two years and not more than four years in the
Women's Correctional Center. Said fine and sentence were
suspended and Defendant was committed to the custody and
control of the State Probation and Parole Board for a term
of two years.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW: Defendant was in violation as alleged
in the complaint.

Defendant's license to practice professional nursing
within the geographical boundaries of the State of Maine is
hereby revoked commencing on May 8, 1968.

Appeal from this decision may be made by the
Defendant in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, M.R.S.A.
Chapter 307, Section 2451.

Dated at Lewiston, Maine, this 24th day of April, 1968.

/s/ Edward M. Robinson
Administrative Hearing Commissioner