




MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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In re:)
Sharon R. Morin)  **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
of Bangor, Maine) **REGARDING SUSPENSION**
License #P003835) **OF LICENSE**
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INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Sharon Morin's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Sharon R. Morin, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated June 26, 1992, Ms. Morin was advised by the Board that it had received a letter dated June 24, 1992 from William C. Shirley, Administrator of the Orono Nursing Home, containing information of a possible violation by Ms. Morin of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(B), (2)(E) and (2)(F). On June 27, 1992, Ms. Morin responded by letter to the Board.

Subsequently, the Board requested that Ms. Morin attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). The informal conference was held on December 17, 1992. Ms. Morin was present and was not represented by counsel.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As a result of the informal conference, the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. Ms. Morin admits to the diversion of Lasix and other diuretics over a three year period.
2. There is no documented evidence of patient harm as a result of Ms. Morin's actions.
3. Ms. Morin was convicted on June 12, 1992 of the Class D offense of theft of prescription drugs.
4. Current Medicaid regulations bar Ms. Morin from employment in any Medicaid-funded facility for five years from October 18, 1992.

5. Ms. Morin is involved in a twelve-step recovery program and is on a waiting list for individual professional counseling.
6. Ms. Morin has a good family support system.
7. Ms. Morin's out-patient therapist says that she shows improvements and believes that she can safely resume a job in nursing.
8. Ms. Morin states that she is no longer using appetite or weight-controlling drugs.
9. Ms. Morin admits to a history of bulimia.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to enter into an agreement with Ms. Morin under which her license to practice nursing is suspended for the duration of her criminal probation relating to her June 12, 1992 theft conviction, with the following conditions:

1. Ms. Morin will abstain from the use of any appetite or weight-reducing substances.
2. Ms. Morin will continue to make an active effort to get into counseling, and will provide quarterly reports to the Board from her counselor once she begins counseling.
3. Ms. Morin will keep the Board informed of her efforts to obtain counseling.
4. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts so long as Ms. Morin fully complies with these conditions.

Ms. Morin understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Morin understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into this Consent Agreement. Ms. Morin affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 2/24/93

BY: Sharon R. Morin
SHARON R. MORIN

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING

DATED: 4/5/93

BY: Jean C. Caron
JEAN C. CARON, R.N., M.S.
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 4/5/93

BY: Tim W. Collier
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