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IN RE:)
 RENEE M. LAPRELL)
 of Rumford, Maine)
 License #P006775)
) **CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR**
) **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**
) **OF LICENSE**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Renee M. Laprell’s license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Renee M. Laprell, the Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Department of Attorney General.

FACTS

1. On July 3, 1997, the Board received notice from Dixfield Health Care Center that Renee Laprell had been terminated from her nursing position on May 23, 1997, in part, for violations of the facility’s narcotic policy. A supplemental letter dated July 13, 1997 from Patricia Pineau, R.N., Director of Nursing, Dixfield Health Care Center, provided details regarding the narcotic violations.
2. By letter dated July 17, 1997, the Board forwarded copies of the July 3, 1997 and July 13, 1997 letters from Dixfield Health Care Center to Ms. Laprell for a response within 30 days as required by 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A).
3. Ms. Laprell failed to respond to the provider report from Dixfield Health Care Center.
4. On August 18, 1997, the Board received information from Olsten Health Services that Renee Laprell’s employment with Olsten Health Services had been terminated for theft of narcotics involving one of Olsten’s clients. The information received from Olsten Health Services was forwarded by the Board to Ms. Laprell by letter dated September 15, 1997 for a response within 30 days as required by 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A).
5. Ms. Laprell again failed to respond to the provider report.
6. By letter dated October 15, 1997, the Board informed Ms. Laprell that she had been scheduled to meet in an informal conference on Wednesday, November 12, 1997 to discuss the information submitted by Dixfield Health Care Center and Olsten Health Services.
7. On October 30, 1997, the Board received a letter dated October 29, 1997 from Renee Laprell. In her letter, Ms. Laprell represented that she has not practiced nursing since July 25, 1997 due to narcotic addiction. Ms. Laprell’s nursing license was enclosed with her letter.

8. Renee Laprell acknowledges that she diverted narcotics for her own use.

AGREEMENT

1. Ms. Laprell's diversion and abuse of narcotics constitute grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A), (2)(B), (2)(E), and (2)(F).
2. Ms. Laprell agrees voluntarily to surrender her license to practice practical nursing.
3. The Board agrees to accept Ms. Laprell's voluntary surrender and to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts.
4. Ms. Laprell understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice practical nursing in Maine. This Consent Agreement may be amended only in writing, signed by all the parties. Ms. Laprell 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. Laprell affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
5. This Consent Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S.A. § 402(3).
6. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the last necessary signature below.

DATED: 12/11/97

Renee M. Laprell
RENEE M. LAPRELL

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:

DATED: 12/16/97

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

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL:

DATED: 12/16/97

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