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IN RE: **KATHLEEN B. LITTLEFIELD )**  
 of Cornville, Maine )  
 License #R022557 ) **CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR**  
 ) **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF**  
 ) **LICENSE**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Kathleen B. Littlefield's license to practice professional 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). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Kathleen B. Littlefield, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General.

**FACTS**

1. By letter dated March 16, 1998, Kathleen B. Littlefield offered to surrender her license; thereafter, the Board investigated the facts underlying the circumstances leading to her offer of surrender.
2. On or about March 19, 1998, Kathleen B. Littlefield admitted to Detective Jeffrey C. Bearce of the Waterville Police Department that she had been diverting Demoral from Inland Hospital since 1996.
3. Kathleen B. Littlefield admitted to Detective Bearce that she removed Demoral from the Tubex Closed Injection System and replaced the Demoral with water.
4. As a result of Ms. Littlefield's tampering and diversion of narcotics, some patients were likely deprived of prescribed pain medication.
5. After the police discovered that Ms. Littlefield had been tampering and diverting drugs at Inland Hospital, the police investigated Ms. Littlefield's per diem employment practices at Redington Fairview General Hospital.



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6. Upon investigation, the police suspected that Kathleen B. Littlefield had tampered with at least 8 vials of Demoral during her 12 shifts of employment at Redington Fairview General Hospital.
7. On May 6, 1998, Kathleen B. Littlefield was convicted of the Class C crime of acquiring drugs by deception in violation of 17-A M.R.S.A. § 1108(4).
8. Ms. Littlefield was sentenced to imprisonment for a term of 3 years with 3 years suspended. She was also sentenced to 3 years probation with conditions. Among the conditions of probation imposed by the Court were Ms. Littlefield surrender her nursing license and not seek employment in the medical field during the period of her probation.


### **AGREEMENT**

9. **Voluntary Surrender:** Kathleen B. Littlefield's conduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A), (B), (E)(1), (F), and (G). Kathleen B. Littlefield agrees voluntarily to surrender her license to practice nursing, and the Board agrees to accept Ms. Littlefield's voluntary surrender of license subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Kathleen B. Littlefield shall not work in any capacity in the health care field (including in a veterinarian's office).
  - b. Kathleen B. Littlefield agrees and understands that the Board shall not consider any request to reissue or reinstate her license for a minimum period of 3 years from the effective date of this Agreement or until such time that Ms. Littlefield satisfactorily completes all the terms of her sentence and probation, whichever is later.
10. **Miscellaneous Provisions:** Kathleen B. Littlefield understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. This Consent Agreement may be amended only in writing, signed by all the parties. Kathleen B. Littlefield understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Consent Agreement. Any modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties. Kathleen B. Littlefield affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 9.3.98


  
KATHLEEN B. LITTLEFIELD

DATED: 9/4/98

  
KENNETH W. LEHMAN, ESQ.  
Attorney for Kathleen B. Littlefield


**FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD  
OF NURSING:**

DATED: Sept 8, 1998

  
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**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

DATED: 9/14/98

  
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