



**MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

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In re: )           **CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
      **Susan K. McLeod** )           **REGARDING VOLUNTARY**  
      **of Augusta, Maine** )           **SURRENDER OF LICENSE**  
      **License #R032246** )

**INTRODUCTION**

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Susan K. McLeod's license to practice professional 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: Susan K. McLeod, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of the Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated September 3, 1992, Ms. McLeod was advised by the Board that it had received a report dated August 24, 1992 from David J. Stuchiner, M.D., Director of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Central Maine Medical Center, stating that Ms. McLeod had been treated at the Emergency Department of Central Maine Medical Center and admitted as an inpatient, that she was under the influence of narcotics when treated and admitted, and that the hospital records suggested that she may have experienced the drug overdose while performing duties as a private duty nurse in a patient's home. On September 13, 1992, Ms. McLeod replied by letter to the Board admitting that she had been exposed to morphine while providing home nursing care to a terminal cancer patient, and stating that she had been inadvertently exposed during an equipment malfunction in the course of which a pump sprayed the morphine solution in her face. Ms. McLeod denies that her morphine exposure was in any way intentional.

**COVENANTS**


The Board voted to enter into an agreement with Ms. McLeod under which she will voluntarily surrender her license to practice professional nursing in Maine. The Board will accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. McLeod's license with the following condition: should she petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, she will provide to the Board along with her petition for reinstatement a report of a recent evaluation for possible substance abuse from a Maine licensed or registered substance abuse counselor. The Board agrees to take no further action upon these facts so long as Ms. McLeod fully complies with this Consent Agreement.

Ms. McLeod understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which extinguishes her legal right to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. McLeod 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. Ms. McLeod affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 10/23/93


BY:   
SUSAN K. MCLEOD

DATED: 10/28/93

BY:   
KATHRYN L. VEZINA, ESQ.  
Attorney for Licensee


DATED: 10/28/93

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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

DATED: 11/1/93

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

BY:   
TIMOTHY W. COLLIER  
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