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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO. )  
**P008706** ISSUED TO: )  
**SHARON E. TOMMASINO** )  
 To practice practical nursing in the )  
 State of Maine )

**ORDER TERMINATING  
 PROBATION**

WHEREAS, on **October 24, 1996**, License No. **P008706** issued to **Sharon E. Tommasino** was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on **June 5, 2003**, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning **Sharon E. Tommasino's** compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that **Sharon E. Tommasino** has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on **December 3, 1996** is hereby terminated.

DATED this **15th day of August 2003**.

**MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

BY: *Myra Broadway*  
 Myra A. Broadway, J.D., M.S., R.N.  
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February 18, 2003

Sharon E. Tommasino, L.P.N.  
906 Clarry Hill Road  
Union, ME 04862

Dear Ms. Tommasino:

Pursuant to your meeting with the Board on February 13, 2003, this will confirm that the Board denied your request to terminate probation at this time.

Sincerely,

Myra A. Broadway, J.D., M.S., R.N.  
Executive Director

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Enclosures

pc: John H. Richards, Assistant Attorney General



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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In re: )  
 Sharon Tommasino )  
 of West Rockport, Maine )  
 License #P008706 )

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR  
 REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Sharon Tommasino'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 Tommasino, L.P.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

Pursuant to a 1993 consent agreement, Ms. Tommasino voluntarily surrendered her license to practice practical nursing pending completion of a formal substance abuse treatment program and further review by the Board. By letter dated April 1, 1996, Ms. Tommasino requested reinstatement of her license. At its meeting on June 6, 1996, the Board voted to defer the decision on Ms. Tommasino's request for license reinstatement pending receipt of certain information required by the 1993 consent agreement. After receiving the required information, the Board reconsidered Ms. Tommasino's request for license reinstatement at its October 24, 1996 meeting. Ms. Tommasino was in attendance at the October 24, 1996 meeting. As a result of that meeting, the parties agreed to enter into this consent agreement allowing for the reinstatement on probation with conditions of Ms. Tommasino's license.

**REINSTATEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION**

Ms. Tommasino's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine is reinstated on a probationary status. The period of probation will continue a minimum of three years from the date that Ms. Tommasino resumes employment in the field of nursing in Maine. Ms. Tommasino's probationary license is subject to the following conditions:

1. **Substance Free:** Ms. Tommasino will abstain completely from the use of alcohol or drugs, with the exception of substances used in accordance with a valid prescription from a physician who is aware of Ms. Tommasino's substance abuse history.
2. **Counselor's Quarterly Evaluations and Reports:** Ms. Tommasino will be seen and evaluated quarterly (every three months) by her licensed alcohol and drug counselor and will arrange for this counselor to submit to the Board quarterly reports regarding these evaluations.
3. **Notice to Employer:** Ms. Tommasino will notify any and all of her nursing employers of the terms of this consent agreement and shall provide them with a copy of it. For purposes of this consent agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Ms. Tommasino performs nursing services or holds herself out as a nurse, such as through the designation "LPN."

4. **Employer Quarterly Reports:** Ms. Tommasino will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports addressing her job performance from her nursing employer(s).
5. **Notice of Employment Status:** Ms. Tommasino will immediately notify the Board in writing of any employment in the field of nursing, including the place and position of employment, and of any change in nursing employment.
6. **Confidentiality and Release of Records:** Ms. Tommasino agrees that the Board and the Department of Attorney General shall have access to any and all medical records and all otherwise confidential or medically-privileged information pertaining to her substance abuse and chemical dependency, which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. Tommasino's compliance with this consent agreement and her continued recovery.

Ms. Tommasino shall provide such information, shall authorize the release of such records and information and shall authorize any such discussions and communications with any and all persons involved in her care, counseling and employment as may be requested by the Board for the purpose of evaluating Ms. Tommasino's compliance with this consent agreement and her continued recovery.

7. **Automatic Suspension:** Ms. Tommasino agrees and understands that if any member of the Board or the Board's Executive Director receives reasonably reliable information suggesting that Ms. Tommasino has not remained substance free in accordance with this consent agreement, Ms. Tommasino's license will be immediately and automatically suspended pending further review by the board. In the event such information is received by any member of the Board or its Executive Director, the information will be forwarded to Ms. Tommasino for response. Ms. Tommasino agrees and understands that her license will remain suspended unless and until the Board is satisfied that Ms. Tommasino's license may be reinstated consistent with the public health and welfare in the area of nursing services.
8. **Term of Probationary Status:** Ms. Tommasino agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this agreement indefinitely beyond the minimum three year probationary period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. Tommasino's request, votes to terminate Ms. Tommasino's probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the degree to which Ms. Tommasino has complied with the provisions of this agreement.
9. **Miscellaneous Provisions:** The consent agreement modifies and replaces the 1993 consent agreement entered into by and between Ms. Tommasino, the Board and the Department of the Attorney General. Ms. Tommasino 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. Ms. Tommasino 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. Tommasino affirms that she executes this consent agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 11/23/96

  
SHARON TOMMASINO


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

DATED: 12/2/96

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

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

DATED: 12/3/96

  
SUSAN A. SPARACO, Asst. Attorney General  
Counsel to the Board