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Patricia P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse §
License Number 128986 §
issued to EUFEMIA A. RIOS §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 128986, issued to EUFEMIA A. RIOS, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent's license is currently delinquent to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received Certification in Vocational Nursing from the Philippines on April 5, 1965. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas in September 13, 1990.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/1968-03/1972	Staff Nurse	Antique Provl Hospital San Jose, Antique, Philippines
03/1972-06/1988	Staff Nurse	City Health Office Iloilo City, Philippines
08/1988-11/2009	LVN	Methodist Dallas Medical Center Dallas, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

12/2009-Present

Not employed in nursing

5. On or about January 5, 2010, the Board provided Respondent with notice of alleged violations of the Nursing Practice Act of the State of Texas, which included, in relevant part:

On or about October 29, 2009, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent:

1. Failed to reassess the blood pressure, that was below ordered parameters, of Patient CP DU 0017866, who was a new post-surgical patient;
2. Failed to report the patient's lab values;
3. Failed to document the patient's I&O, as ordered; and
4. Failed to report changes in the patient's condition to the Charge Nurse or physician. At 23:30, the patient was found to be lethargic, pale and with thready pulse, and was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit after the Rapid Response Team was called. A Computed Tomography scan revealed that the patient had developed a large post-surgical retroperitoneal bleed.

6. On or about November 2, 2010, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice vocational nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated October 20, 2010, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(2)(A) and 217.12(1)(A)&(4).
4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 128986, heretofore issued to EUFEMIA A. RIOS, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of vocational or the abbreviation LVN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 22nd day of November, 2010.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By: *Katherine A. Thomas*
Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

Eufemia A. Rios
1407 Big Stone Gap
Duncanville, Texas 75137
Texas LVN License # 128986

Voluntary Surrender Statement

September 10, 2010

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a vocational nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Eufemia A. Rios

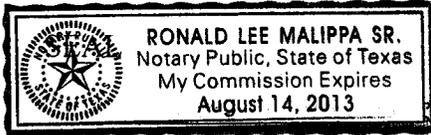
Date October 20, 2010

Texas Nursing License Number/s 128986

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared Eufemia Rios, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 20th day of October, 2010.



Ronald Lee Malippa Sr.
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS