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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse                   §        AGREED  
License Number 160929                                 §  
issued to PATRICIA JANICE RAY                   §        ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of PATRICIA JANICE RAY, Vocational Nurse License Number 160929, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4528(c), SECT. 10 [effect. 9/01/95]. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on August 25, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Practical Nursing from Dawson Technical Institute, Chicago, Illinois, in November 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice practical nursing in the State of Illinois on June 10, 1993, and was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 11, 1996.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:
 

11/1992 - 10/1996	Unknown
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

11/1996 - 07/1998	Charge Nurse	Golden Acres Dallas, Texas
08/1998 - 01/2004	Home Health Nurse	PSA Healthcare Dallas, Texas
08/1999 - Unknown	Staff Nurse (occasional)	HealthSouth Dallas, Texas

6. On or about September 20 1996, while applying for initial licensure as a Vocational Nurse in the State of Texas, Respondent falsely answered "no" to the eligibility question, "Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?"

On or about June 26, 1986, Respondent was convicted in Chicago, Illinois, of the offense of "Possession of a Controlled Substance" and was placed on probation for two (2) years.

Respondent's conduct may have effected the Board's decision regarding her licensure.

7. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states that when she originally applied for her Illinois license, she disclosed the information and was told that after disclosing that information, it would remain on file and she would not have to keep repeating it. According to Respondent, it was six (6) years prior to her becoming a nurse, she was sharing an apartment with someone for whom the police were looking, and because she was the leaseholder and the only one home at the time, she became the responsible party.
8. Charges were filed on August 2, 2010.
9. Charges were mailed to Respondent on August 4, 2010.

#### 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 TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART 4528(c), § 10(a)(2)&(9) [effect. 09/01/95], is a violation of §239.11(8) 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE [effect. 12/01/95].

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 160929, heretofore issued to PATRICIA JANICE RAY, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH A FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice,

documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.*

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

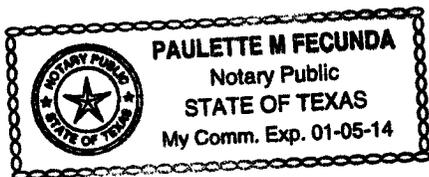
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 23 day of September, 2010.

Patricia Janice Ray  
PATRICIA JANICE RAY, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of September, 2010.

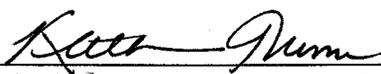
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Paulette M. Fecunda  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2010, by PATRICIA JANICE RAY, Vocational Nurse License Number 160929, and said Order is final.

Effective this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

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

