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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 Registered Nurse                   §        AGREED  
License Number 633516                               §  
issued to PENNY LORRAINE HOBIN               §        ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of PENNY LORRAINE HOBIN, Registered Nurse License Number 633516, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.303, Texas Occupations Code, and 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 11, 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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent holds a license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, which is in Delinquent status.
4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from George Brown College of Applied Arts & Technology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on May 10, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 20, 1996.

5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history includes:

05/1992 - 03/1993	Staff Nurse	Princess Margaret Hospital Toronto, Ontario, Canada
04/1993 - 04/1995	Staff Nurse	Our Lady of the Lake General Medical Center Baton Rouge, Louisiana
04/1995 - 02/1996	Staff Nurse	Baton Rouge General Medical Center Baton Rouge, Louisiana
12/1995 - 06/1996	Home Health Nurse	Olsten Kimberly Quality Care Baton Rouge, Louisiana
06/1996 - 06/1996	ER Nurse Part-time	Earl K. Long Medical Center Baton Rouge, Louisiana
07/1996 - 09/1996	Staff Nurse Assigned in Texas	Olsten Flying Nurses Clearwater, Florida
11/1996 - 02/1997	Staff Nurse Assigned in Texas	Olsten Flying Nurses Clearwater, Florida
02/1997 - 09/1997	Staff Nurse	Santa Rosa Children's Hospital San Antonio, Texas
09/1997 - 07/2003	Staff Nurse PICU	Santa Rosa Children's Hospital San Antonio, Texas
05/1999 - 09/1999	Staff Nurse Part-time	Methodist Children's Hospital San Antonio, Texas
08/2001 - 05/2002	Per Diem Nurse Assigned in Texas	Interim Health Care Agency Corporate Service Sunrise, Florida
05/2002 - Present	Not employed in Nursing	

6. On or about March 30, 2006, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document for Registered Nurses to the Board of Nurse Examiners, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "Yes" and attested to the statement: "I acknowledge this electronic document is a legal document and I attest that I understand and meet all the requirements to practice for the type of the renewal requested, as listed in 22 Texas Administrative Code, §§ 216 (CE). Further, I understand that it is a violation of the 22 Texas Administrative Code, §§ 217,12 (6)(H) and the Penal Code, Sec 37.10, to submit a false statement to a government agency.

On or about November 13, 2008, Respondent self-reported that she "lied" and had not completed the required CEU's for her renewal. Respondent's conduct was deceiving and may have affected the Board's decision to license her.

7. On or about March 10, 2008, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document for Registered Nurses to the Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "Yes" and attested to the statement: "I acknowledge that this electronic form is a legal document. I understand that no one else may submit this form on my behalf and that I am accountable and responsible for the accuracy of any answer or statement on this form. I attest that I meet all the requirements to practice for the type of renewal requested, as listed in 22 Texas Administrative Code, ch. 216 (CE). Further, I understand that it is a violation of the 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.12(6)(I) and Penal Code §37.10, to submit a false statement to a governmental agency.

On or about November 13, 2008, Respondent self-reported that she "lied" and had not completed the required CEU's for her renewal. Respondent's conduct was deceiving and may have affected the Board's decision to license her.

8. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states: I renewed my licensed in 2006 and 2008 and answered "yes" that I had completed the required CEU's, which I had not. I lied in the relicensing questionnaire.

#### 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 violations of Section 301.303, Texas Occupations Code, Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(6)(I),&(11)(B).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 633516, heretofore issued to PENNY LORRAINE HOBIN, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, 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 is 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 deliver the wallet-sized license issued to PENNY LORRAINE HOBIN to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order.

(2) 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>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: <http://www.learningext.com/products/generalce/critical/ctabout.asp>.*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). 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 to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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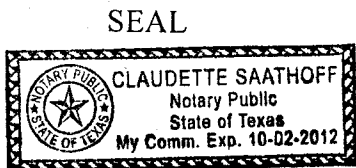
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 violations 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 13 day of JULY, 2010.  
Penny L. Hobin  
PENNY LORRAINE HOBIN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.



Claudette Saathoff  
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 13th day of July, 20 10, by PENNY LORRAINE HOBIN, Registered Nurse License Number 633516, and said Order is final.

Effective this 30th day of August, 20 10.



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of said Board