TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
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Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 165997	§	
issued to SONYA MARIE FLORES	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo considered the matter of SONYA MARIE FLORES, Vocational Nurse License Number 165997, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on February 6, 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 is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

4. Respondent received a Certified in Vocational Nursing from Victoria College Cuero, Texas, on August 7, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 30, 1997.

5. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about December 1, 2004, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK (a Class B Misdemeanor offense committed on November 6, 2000), in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Victoria County, Texas, under Cause Number 1-75,519. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine.

7. On or about December 15, 2004, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of FAILURE TO APPEAR (a Class A Misdemeanor offense committed on May 14, 2001), in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Victoria County, Texas, under Cause Number 1-76,082. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine.

8. In Response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states "First let me say I apologize for my ignorance. this all started in 2001, when my husband and I separated and he moved away. We ended up closing bank accounts not realizing that there were checks that had not cleared the bank. Therefore, when I was pulled over by the police I found out they had a warrant for the hot checks. I was arrested and released on pr Bond. I took care of the check and thought that would be the end but obviously not. Come to 2004, I was informed that I had a warrant for Bail Jumping and the Hot checks to be paid in court. I then turned my self in and was released on bond and went to court. I paid all fines and was cleared to go, I did not realize that this offense fell under that category on the renewal application. I promise you that I will pay very close attention and report any further issues."

9. On or about July 18, 2005, Respondent submitted a Online Renewal Document License Renewal form Licensed Vocational Nurse to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

   ""Have you been convicted, adjudicated guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUIs, DWIs, and PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] does not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIPs or MICs, you must answer "Yes".)" Respondent failed to disclose that:

   Respondent failed to disclose that on or about December 1, 2004, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK (a Class B Misdemeanor offense committed on November 6, 2000), in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Victoria County, Texas, under Cause Number 1-75,519.

   Respondent failed to disclose that on or about December 15, 2004, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of FAILURE TO APPEAR (a Class A Misdemeanor offense

committed on May 14, 2001), in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Victoria County, Texas, under Cause Number 1-76,082.

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 301.452(b)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I)&(13).

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 165997, heretofore issued to SONYA MARIE FLORES, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational 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 a 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, 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 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 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 23 day of August, 2010.

Sonya Marie Flores

SONYA MARIE FLORES, Respondent

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

SEAL

Cheryl DiGiantomasso

Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

CHERYL DIGIANTOMASSO
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Exp. 11-30-2012

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 23rd day of August, 2010, by SONYA MARIE FLORES, Vocational Nurse License Number 165997, and said Order is final.

Effective this 30th day of August, 2010.

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