



Board of Nurse Examiners For the State of Texas

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Executive Director

July 16, 2007

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Jennifer Layne Heard
18615 Summer Anne Dr
Humble, Texas 77346

Dear Ms. Heard:

On July 13, 2007, the Board of Nurse Examiners received your license and notarized statement voluntarily surrendering your license to practice professional nursing in Texas. Effective upon the Executive Director's signature, your license was placed in surrendered status in our licensure files.

Although a voluntary surrender is not a statutory sanction listed in Texas Occupations Code, Section 301.453(a) of the Nursing Practice Act, the action will be reported to the data bank of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and is public information. Dispositions will appear in the Board's quarterly newsletter. The disposition will be forwarded to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., and to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).

Should you desire to return to the practice of professional nursing in Texas, you may contact our office to request a reinstatement petition. You will not be eligible for reinstatement until one (1) year has elapsed from the effective date of this Order. Any reinstatement will be subject to the regulations in effect at that time.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director

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Enclosures: Order of the Board

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I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Registered Nurse §
License Number 685106 §
issued to JENNIFER LAYNE HEARD §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 685106, issued to JENNIFER LAYNE HEARD, 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 conference, notice and hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Jacinto College, Pasadena, Texas, on December 14, 2001. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 12, 2002.
4. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On April 19, 2007, Respondent was notified by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas of the following allegation:
 On or about May 4, 2006, while employed with Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent passed or attempted to pass fraudulent, unauthorized prescriptions for controlled substances, including, but not limited to, Vicodin.

6. On July 13, 2007, Respondent returned Registered Nurse License Number 685106 and a notarized statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional nursing in Texas. A copy of the notarized statement is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
8. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(E).
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.

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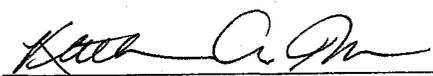
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 685106, heretofore issued to JENNIFER LAYNE HEARD, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of registered nurse or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered 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 and she has one (1) year of sobriety.
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 multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in compact states.

Effective this 16th day of July, 2007.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

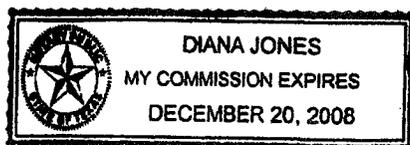
By: 
Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

To: Texas State Board of Nursing,

I, Jennifer Heard, am hereby surrendering my Texas R.N. State License. Enclosed is my license. I thank for the opportunity I had to serve as a licensed Registered Nurse. Unfortunatly I am no longer able to practice nursing at this time.

Thank You,
Jennifer Heard

Jennifer Heard



Diana Jones
July 8th, 2007

