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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of License Number 146152      §                    AGREED  
issued to ROBERT A. BARONE                    §                    ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of ROBERT A. BARONE, Vocational Nurse License Number 146152, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. Admin Code §217.12 (6)(I). Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 7, 2008, 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 conference, 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 Vocational Nursing from St. Philip's College, New Braunfels, Texas, in March 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on April 26, 1994.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. In January 1995, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he answered "No" to the following question:

*"Were you convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation since your last renewal?"*

7. Respondent was requested to comply with a random criminal background audit check, and the results revealed the following criminal history, to wit:

On June 1, 1994, Respondent was charged with the misdemeanor offense of Driving While Intoxicated in the County Court at Law of Comal County, Texas. Respondent entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to ninety (90) days confinement, probated for two (2) years. On June 17, 1996, Respondent was released from probation.

8. On or about July 31, 2007, Respondent submitted a written statement related to Finding of Fact number Seven (7) in which he stated that he attended a LVN graduation party and had too much to drink. When he left he was picked up in New Braunfels for driving while intoxicated. Respondent further stated that he never intended any false representation on any of his renewal forms. The only explanation he has is that he did not read the question thoroughly enough or misunderstood the content.

#### 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)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.12(6)(I).
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 146152, heretofore issued to ROBERT A. BARONE, 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 Fine with Remedial Education, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act,

Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational 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 multistate licensure 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) contact 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 Chemical Dependency, 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.bne.state.tx.us/about/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, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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

Signed this 19 day of May, 2008.

[Signature]  
ROBERT A. BARONE, Respondent

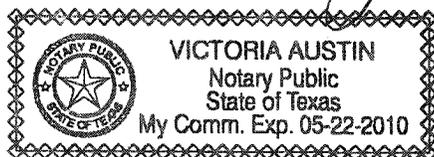
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of May, 2008.

SEAL

[Signature]

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Signed this 19 day of May, 2008.



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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, by ROBERT A. BARONE, Vocational Nurse License Number 146152, and said Order is final.

Effective this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

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