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STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

In Re:)
Patricia L Westover) Docket No. NU13-0702
License No. 26-13995)

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, through Attorney General William H. Sorrell, and Respondent Patricia L Westover, who stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to investigate complaints of unprofessional conduct and approve consent orders pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §129, and 26 V.S.A. §§1574, 1582.
2. Respondent is a registered nurse licensed by the State of Vermont holding license number 26-13995.
3. At all times relevant to this Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse providing private care to a 56 year old quadriplegic in Vermont.
4. Respondent admits her license lapsed on or about 3/31/01 for failure to renew.
5. Respondent admits she continued to work as a nurse for her patient described in paragraph 3 above.
6. Respondent admits she became aware that her licensed had lapsed and immediately contacted the Nursing Board, reapplied for licensure, acknowledged the lapse, and that she continued to work during the time she was not licensed.

7. Respondent admits the conclusions of unprofessional conduct as set forth below in the Board's Order.

8. Respondent understands that the Nursing Board must review and accept the terms of the Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.

9. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.

10. Respondent voluntarily enters this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.

11. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to a contested hearing before the Board of Nursing.

12. Respondent agrees that the Board may enter the Order set forth below.

ORDER

Based on the Stipulation above it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

A. Respondent's actions described in paragraphs 4 through 6 above are grounds for discipline pursuant to 3V.S.A. §129a(a)(3) and 26V.S.A. §1584 (practicing nursing without a current license).

B. Respondent Patricia L Westover's license is hereby **reprimanded**.

C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a)(7).

D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's

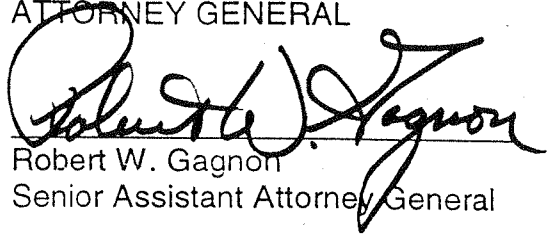
licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

STATE OF VERMONT

WILLIAM H. SORRELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

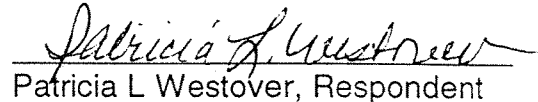
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by:


Robert W. Gagnon
Senior Assistant Attorney General

PATRICIA L. WESTOVER

Dated: 9/12/02


Patricia L Westover, Respondent

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: Oct. 14, 2002

by:


Chairperson

Date of entry: 10/17/02