

BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2014 NB 30

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:)
DOROTHY JOY PYRITZ, R.N.,)
LICENSE NO: 28193411A)
(VALID TO PRACTICE WHILE REVIEWED))
LICENSE NO: 27063628A (EXPIRED))



ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The State of Indiana ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Deputy Attorney General Patricia Gibson, on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, and pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-7-7, Ind. Code ch. 25-1-5, Ind. Code § 25-23-1-7, the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-3, and Ind. Code ch. 25-1-9, files its Administrative Complaint against the Indiana nursing licenses of Dorothy Joy Pyritz, R.N., L.P.N., ("Respondent") and in support alleges and states the following:

FACTS

1. Respondent is a Registered Nurse ("RN") in the State of Indiana having been issued license number 28193411A on September 23, 2010. Respondent was a licensed practical nurse ("LPN") in the State of Indiana having been issued license number 27063628A on August 20, 2009. Respondent's LPN license expired on October 31, 2010.
2. Respondent's address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency is 6316 North Parker Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220.
3. On or about June 22, 2013, Respondent was arrested for driving while intoxicated in Marion County, Indiana.
4. According to the probable cause affidavit, Respondent crossed the center line, and ran off the road. The officer activated his siren, and Respondent stopped her car, but sped away as the officer approached her vehicle.

5. According to the probable cause affidavit, Respondent's blood alcohol concentration was .17, and Respondent's five (5) and seven (7) year old daughters were in the car while she was driving.

6. On June 23, 2013 in Marion County Superior Court Criminal Division 18, Respondent was charged with seven (7) violations in Cause No. 49F18-1306-FD-040938:

Resisting Law Enforcement, Class D Felony;
Two (2) counts of Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated, Class D Felony;
Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated, Class A Misdemeanor;
Two (2) counts of Neglect of a Dependent, Class D Felony; and
Operating Vehicle with BAC greater than .15% Class A Misdemeanor.

7. On February 26, 2014, Respondent was found guilty of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated, with a prior conviction and with a minor passenger, a Class D Felony. All other charges were dismissed. The Judgment of Conviction was entered as a Class A Misdemeanor. Respondent was sentenced to five (5) days incarceration, and placed on probation for one hundred seventy-five (175) days, with monitoring and house arrest.

8. On June 28, 2013, Respondent self-reported to the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program ("ISNAP"), describing herself as an alcoholic who relapsed after six (6) years of sobriety.

9. On or about July 13, 2013, Respondent was diagnosed with alcohol dependence and a three (3) year Recovery Monitoring Agreement ("RMA") was recommended.

10. On or about July 15, 2013, Respondent entered into monitoring with ISNAP.

11. Respondent has been fully compliant with her RMA through March 20, 2014.

VIOLATIONS

12. By her conduct in being convicted of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated with a prior conviction and with a minor passenger, Respondent has been convicted

of crimes that have a direct bearing on Respondent's ability to continue to practice competently and are harmful to the public, subjecting Respondent to discipline by this Board in accordance with Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A) & (B).

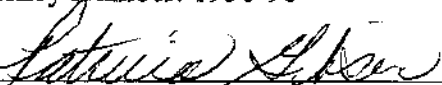
13. By her conduct in driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated, with a blood alcohol content of .17 and minor passengers, and being diagnosed with alcohol dependence, Respondent has continued to practice although she has become unfit to do so due to her addiction to, abuse of, or severe dependency upon alcohol or other drugs that endanger the public by impairing a practitioner's ability to practice safely, and is therefore subject to discipline by this Board in accordance with Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(D).

ACCORDINGLY, the Petitioner demands this Board enter an order finding that:

1. Respondent is subject to discipline according to Ind. Code ch. 25-1-9;
2. imposes the appropriate disciplinary sanction;
3. directs Respondent to immediately pay all costs incurred in the prosecution of this case; and
4. provides any further relief as the Board deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

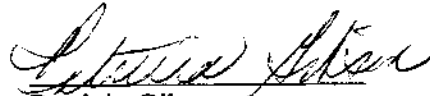
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Administrative Complaint" has been duly served upon Respondent listed below, by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, on this 9th day of December, 2014.



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