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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ALBERT J. PITOSCIA, RN

ORDER REINSTATING LICENSE

Respondent

On July 16, 1993, the Board of Nursing issued its *Final Decision and Order* suspending Mr. Pitoscia's license to practice as a professional nurse, based upon disciplinary action taken against his license in Minnesota. By the terms of the board's Order, Mr. Pitoscia was permitted to petition at any time for a stay of the suspension. The order provided that the board in its discretion could require as a condition of consideration of such a petition that Mr. Pitoscia submit documentation of successful rehabilitation, including documentation of his licensure status in Minnesota, documentation of continuous abstinence from alcohol and controlled substances for a period of at least 90 days prior to submission of the petition, and submission of evidence of successful completion of or current participation in a program for the treatment of chemical dependency.

By his letter dated January 14, 1994, Mr. Pitoscia petitioned the board for a stay of the suspension of his license. Documents submitted in support of the petition included a Minnesota order reinstating Mr. Pitoscia's license with conditions, a letter of support from his AA sponsor, the results of a drug screen performed on November 24, 1993, and a letter of support from Rusty Ratliff, CRNA, Chairman of the Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists Peer Assistance Committee. The board considered the matter at its meeting of March 4, 1993, and, by its Order dated March 9, 1994, the board denied the petition on the basis that, because Mr. Pitoscia had submitted to only one urine screen since grant of the limited license by Minnesota, there was insufficient evidence of continuous abstinence for a period of three months.

In the discussion accompanying the board's March 9, 1994, Order, the board commented that should Mr. Pitoscia submit evidence of negative weekly random witnessed monitoring of his blood or urine for a period of three months, or if the State of Minnesota removed all limitations from his license in that state, the board would reconsider the petition.

On March 1, 2001, Mr. Pitoscia appeared before the board to petition for reinstatement of his license, and the board considered the matter on that date. Based upon that request, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the license of Albert J. Pitoscia, R.N. is hereby reinstated without conditions or limitations.

Dated this 8th day of March.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.

Chair