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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

MARY J. AUSTIN, R.N.

LS9903051NUR

RESPONDENT. :

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The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

Mary J. Austin
450 Spruce Street
Peshtigo, WI 54157

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mary J. Austin (D.O.B. 1/10/63) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse (license # 126686). This license was first granted on July 11, 1997.
2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 450 Spruce Street, Peshtigo, WI 54157.
3. On November 11, 1998, while employed as a registered nurse at Rennes Health Center, Respondent received a bottle containing 5 Lasix tablets from the family of a resident for disposal. Respondent kept the medication and took it to her home rather than disposing of it. The medication was not used.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Mary J. Austin is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(1)(b) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 7.03(a) and N 7.04 (2) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that :

1. Mary J. Austin is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct.
2. The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".
3. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Timothy D. Burns
CRNA

Date

A Member of the Board

March 5, 1999

