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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

KATHLEEN M. ROBERGE, R.N.,

ORDER DENYING STAY

Respondent

On January 7, 2000, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period, with provision for successive three-month stays of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once each week, and that she participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her blood or urine on a frequency of not less than once per week.

By letter dated February 24, 2000, respondent requested a further three month stay of the suspension of her license, and requested as well that the limitations on her license be modified to be consistent with limitations imposed by the Minnesota Board of Nursing in an earlier disciplinary action brought by that board. By its Order dated June 6, 2000, the board granted the stay but denied the request for modification of the board's January 7, 2000, Order, based upon the substantial disparity between the requirements of the two orders.

On November 3, 2000, the board considered Ms. Roberge's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. The board also considered evidence that from the time of the board's Order on January 7, 2000, no therapy report and no copies of drug screens have been received. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request for a stay of the suspension of the license of Kathleen M. Roberge is denied, and her license is hereby suspended.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.,

Chair