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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

THOMAS MICHAEL SCHMIDT II,                                      ORDER GRANTING STAY  
  
Respondent

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On May 19, 2000, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter, by which respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period. Under the terms of the Order, Mr. Schmidt was permitted to apply for a stay of the suspension, 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 he participate in psychotherapy a minimum of four times each month, and that he participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in his blood or urine on a frequency of not less than once per week.

On July 7, 2000, and December 27, 2000, the board granted Mr. Schmidt's requests for further three month stays of the suspension of his license.

On April 6, 2001, the board granted Mr. Schmidt's request for a further three month stay, and his further request that the number of required therapy sessions be reduced.

On July 9, 2001, the board considered Mr. Schmidt's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of his license. The board also considered evidence that a number of the urine sample provided by him appeared to be diluted, and that a number of the substances to have been included in the screening panel were not. Accordingly, the board granted a 60 day stay in order to review the matter further.

On September 6, 2001, the board considered evidence that Mr. Schmidt had relapsed to the use of alcohol. The board suspended the license by its Order dated September 14, 2001.

On November 1, 2001, Mr. Schmidt appeared before the board in support of his request that the stay of suspension be reinstated. Based upon that request, and other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Thomas M. Schmidt II, R.N., is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Mr. Schmidt shall comply with all terms and conditions of the board's original May 19, 2000, Final Decision and Order, including the requirements that Mr. Schmidt participate in therapy at least weekly, and submit to four urine screens per month.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.,  
  
Chair