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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

GRETCHEN M. MACHT, RN,

Respondent

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ORDER IMPOSING SUSPENSION

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On March 3, 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 weekly, and that she participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her blood or urine on a weekly basis.

On September 1, 2000, January 5, 2001, and April 6, 2001, the board granted Ms. Macht's requests for further three month stays of the suspension of her license.

On September 6, 2001, the board granted Ms. Macht's request for a further three month stay, and the recommendations of her therapist that urine screens be reduced to three per month and therapy sessions be reduced to two per month..

On December 6, 2001, the board granted Ms. Macht's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and modified the board's Order to permit her to have access to controlled substances in her employment setting.

On June 6, 2002, the board granted Ms. Macht's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and granted as well her further request that the number of required therapy sessions be reduced to one per month.

On September 5, 2002, the board granted Ms. Macht's request for a further three month stay of the suspension.

On November 7, 2002, the board considered evidence that Ms. Macht relapsed to the use of propoxyphene on or about October 22, 2002. Based upon that information, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stay of suspension of the license of Gretchen Macht, RN, is terminated, and the license is hereby suspended. Ms. Macht may apply for reinstatement of the stay when she is able to demonstrate full compliance with the board's Order for a period of three months.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN,  
Chair