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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

THOMAS W. BURKE, RN
RESPONDENT

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
LS0106012NUR

On June 1, 2001, the board filed its Final decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's Order, Mr. Burke was to refrain from nursing employment until he successfully completes a rehabilitation review administered by the Wisconsin Department of health & Family Services. The effective date of the Order was to be thirty days following its signing, to permit Mr. Burke to complete the rehabilitation review prior to imposition of the practice limitation.

On June 26, 2001, Mr. Burke, by Attorney Bruce F. Ehlke, filed his "Petition to Defer Effective Date of Findings" to allow for completion of the Rehabilitation Review process of the Department of Health and Family Services. The board granted that request and ordered that the findings set forth in the Board's June 1, 2001 Order become effective July 31, 2001.

Another requirement of the board's Order was that within one year of the date of the board's Order, Mr. Burke complete three credits of continuing education in ethics in health care, and at least four hours of coursework in patient's rights.

On May 2, 2002, the board considered Mr. Burke's request for a 60 day extension in the deadline for completing the continuing education to permit him to complete coursework already approved by the board. Based upon that request and other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the deadline for completing coursework ordered by the board in its June 1, 2001, Final Decision and Order is hereby extended to August 2, 2002.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2002.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN
Chair