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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF	:		
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:		
	:	ORDER GRANTING STAY	
ROBERT OTTO SAESS, R.N.,	:	LS0209055NUR RESPONDENT.	:

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On April 5, 2002, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's Order, Mr. Saess' license was suspended for an indefinite period, and the suspension was stayed for a period of three months. The Order provided for additional three month stays of the suspension, conditioned upon Mr. Saess' compliance with conditions and limitations on his license. Mr. Saess was required to successfully participate in a drug treatment program and treatment for his attention deficit disorder. The drug abuse monitoring program must include and Mr. Saess must participate in individual and/or group therapy sessions for the first year of the stayed suspension upon a schedule as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than once monthly.

Mr. Saess is required to abstain from all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Sec. 161.01(4), Stats. and to enroll in and begin participation in a drug and alcohol monitoring program which is approved by the department. The approved program shall require the testing of urine specimens at a frequency of not less than 52 times each year. Respondent shall practice only under the general supervision of a licensed professional nurse or other licensed health care professional approved by the Board or in a work setting pre-approved by the Board or its designated agent, and he must arrange for his employer to provide formal written reports to the Department Monitor.

On December 5, 2002, and May 20, 2003, the board granted Mr. Saess' request for a further three month stay of the suspension.

On September 5, 2003, the board considered Mr. Saess' request for a further three month stay of the suspension of his license. The board also considered evidence that Mr. Saess had a positive screen for morphine during the preceding quarter. While the board will accept Mr. Saess' explanation that it was caused by his ingestion of poppy seeds, the board will not accept a similar explanation in the future. Based upon all evidence of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Robert O. Saess, RN, be, and hereby is, stayed for a further period of three months.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner  
Board Chair