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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS
A NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR

ORDER GRANTING FULL
LICENSURE

**ROLF F. DONHOWE,
APPLICANT.**

TO: Rolf F. Donhowe
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Rolf F. Donhowe, whose address is 101 Elizabeth CT S, Turtle Lake, WI 54889, d.o.b., 04/17/58, filed an application on or about April 23, 2002 for a reciprocal license to practice as a nursing home administrator in the state of Wisconsin.

Section 456.08, Wis. Stats., states that the examining board may grant a nursing home administrator license to a person who holds a nursing home administrator license issued by the proper authorities of any other state, upon payment of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2) and upon submission of satisfactory evidence of the person's qualifications. This provision has been interpreted by the Board in Wis. Admin. Code § NHA 4.03.

Mr. Donhowe has held a license as a Health Facility Administrator (#14003911A) in the state of Indiana since May 23, 1995. In his application for reciprocity that he filed with the Wisconsin Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board, Mr. Donhowe stated that he had a pending action against his Administrator's license in Indiana. Based upon the information that Mr. Donhowe attached to his application for reciprocity, the Indiana Board of Health Facility Administrators filed a disciplinary Complaint against his Indiana Health Facility Administrator's license on or about June 12, 2000. The Complaint (Cause Number 2000 HFA 014) alleged that Mr. Donhowe violated numerous laws relating to his practice as a health facility administrator in the state of Indiana.

The Board considered Mr. Donhowe's application for reciprocity at its meeting on June 20, 2002. Having reviewed Mr. Donhowe's application materials; personally interviewed him at its June 20, 2002 meeting, and having taken into consideration the Board's obligation to assure protection of the public, the Board voted to grant a limited license to Mr. Donhowe to practice as a nursing home administrator in the state of Wisconsin.

Paragraphs 1-3 of the Board's Order, dated June 27, 2002, read as follows:

- (1) Applicant shall, within one month after he receives the results of any survey of a nursing home facility of which he is administrator, inform the Board of those results. This requirement shall remain in effect for at least 30 months after the issuance of this Order.
- (2) Applicant shall submit a copy of the Final Decision and Order issued by the Indiana State Board of Health Facility Administrators in resolution of its pending disciplinary action, and any other action disciplinary actions taken, to the Wisconsin Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board within 15 business days after receiving a copy of the Final Decision and Order.
- (3) The Board reserves the right to impose additional conditions and limitations upon applicant's license or to impose further discipline upon the applicant based upon misconduct or unprofessional conduct that occurred in Indiana or any other state prior to the issuance of this license or any misconduct or unprofessional conduct that occurs during the term of this Limited License.

The Board's Order further stated that upon complete, successful and continuous compliance with the limitations and conditions set forth in paragraphs 1-3, above for a period of three (3) years, the Board, in its discretion, may grant applicant's request for unrestricted licensure.

On August 9, 2007, the Board considered Mr. Donhowe's request for a full, unrestricted license. Based upon the record in this matter, the Board makes the following Order:

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Rolf F. Donhowe be, and hereby is granted, a full, unrestricted and unlimited, license (#3218-065) to practice as a nursing home administrator in the state of Wisconsin.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2007.

Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board

By: David Egan
A Member of the Board