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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
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: :  
GORDON J. SIGL, R.N., : Order ORDER 0001069  
RESPONDENT. :

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Division of Enforcement Case # 10NUR596

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Gordon J. Sigl, R.N.  
3839 North Wilton  
Unit #1  
Chicago, IL 60613

Wisconsin Board of Nursing  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gordon Sigl, R.N., (D.O.B. 2/12/1964) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional nurse (license # 30-108290). This license was first granted on 9/5/1991.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 3839 North Wilton, Unit #1, Chicago, IL 60613.

3. On September 10, 2010, the Texas Board of Nursing adopted an Agreed Order (“Order”) that denied Respondent’s application for a nursing license in the State of Texas and accepted the voluntary surrender of Respondent’s compact privilege associated with the State of the Wisconsin. The Order was based on the following:

- a. Between 2004 and 2009, Respondent accepted two permanent nursing positions in the State of Texas and intentionally failed to submit an application for licensure as a Registered Nurse by endorsement in the State of Texas within thirty (30) days of establishing residence in the State of Texas. Respondent’s conduct was deceptive.
- b. On or about January 29, 2009, Respondent submitted an endorsement application that included a Nurse Compact Declaration, which indicated that the State of Texas was his primary state of residence. Respondent informed the board that he “...relocated to Texas largely to start (his) life over. . . (and) waited this long to declare residency with the board so as to allow time to pass from the (2003 Wisconsin controlled substance) incident (thus) allowing (him) to demonstrate a pattern of good behavior and consistent lawfulness,” and that his application was based upon his employer’s request. Respondent’s conduct was deceptive.
- c. Respondent submitted a letter along with his Endorsement Application indicating that on April 25 2003, he pled guilty to, and was convicted of, “Possession of Anabolic Steroids,” a Class A misdemeanor. Respondent indicated that in 2002 he became involved in the use of anabolic steroids. Respondent failed to provide a complete explanation of the circumstances surrounding why his commission from the United States Air Force was taken from him.
- d. Respondent failed to disclose the following:
  - i. Between December 2001 and April 2002, Respondent smuggled and sold steroids to one (1) individual from other countries, including steroids which he obtained while in Egypt for the U.S. Air Force Reserve on one (1) occasion and which he smuggled into the United States using his official credentials;
  - ii. On May 3, 2002, a federal search warrant was executed on Respondent, and during the search, three (3) bottles of Mexican-made veterinary steroids were seized;
  - iii. On May 21, 2002, Respondent was indicted in the Eastern District of Wisconsin for violation of 21 USC § 840(a)(a) and 840 (b)(1)(D), and 18 USC § 2, “Knowingly and Intentionally Distributing Anabolic Steroids;” and

- iv. On April 23, 2003, Respondent pled guilty to, and was convicted of, "Controlled Substance Possession," a violation of 21 USC § 844(a), in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case Number 02-CR-107. As a result of a Plea Agreement entered on March 21, 2003, the charge for "Knowingly and Intentionally Distributing Anabolic Steroids" was dismissed and Respondent was placed on probation for eighteen (18) months.
- e. Based on the facts in paragraph 3(a)-(d) above, Respondent told the Texas Board of Nursing that he understood that residence began when the declaration of residency on the application was granted and that his application was based upon his employer's request, as neither they nor he was certain of any limitation to the compact agreement.
- f. In July 2010, Respondent moved from the State of Texas to the State of Illinois and informed the Texas Board of Nursing that he no longer seeks Texas licensure.

#### CONCLUSION OF LAW

The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that :

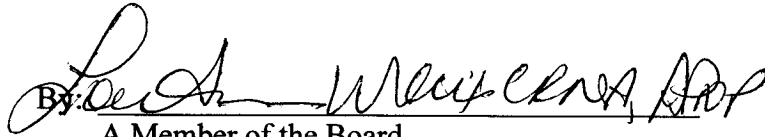
1. The voluntary SURRENDER of the license of Gordon J. Sigl to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin is hereby accepted.
2. The voluntary SURRENDER of the privilege of Gordon J. Sigl to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin under another state license pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact is hereby accepted.
3. In the event that Respondent ever reapplies for any credential in Wisconsin Respondent shall, prior to such application, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264

4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By:   
A Member of the Board

September 1, 2011  
Date

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