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## IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MARY K. BROWN, L.P.N., R.N., RESPONDENT. INTERIM ORDER

# ORDER 0008381

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 NUR 443

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

Mary K. Brown, L.P.N., R.N. Durand, WI 54736

Wisconsin Board of Nursing P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as an Interim Order in this matter, subject to the approval of the Board of Nursing (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, Conclusion of Law, and Order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mary K. Brown, L.P.N., R.N. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1984) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse, having license number 255555-30, first issued on July 14, 2020, and current through February 29, 2024. Respondent is also licensed as a licensed practical nurse, having license number 323468-31, first issued on December 3, 2018, and current through April 30, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Durand, Wisconsin 54736.

2. On July 5, 2022, the Board received a complaint alleging that Respondent had practiced outside the scope of nursing practice by amputating a nursing home resident's right foot without a physician's order. Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Case Number 22 NUR 443 was opened to investigate these allegations.

3. On November 3, 2022, in Pierce County Circuit Court Case Number 2022CF000230, Respondent was charged with one count of Physical Abuse of an Elder Person – Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm, Increased Penalty for Elder Person Victim, a felony, in violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 940.198(2)(a) and 939.623(2)(c); and one count of Mayhem, Increased Penalty for Elder Person Victim, a felony, in violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 940.21, and 939.623(2)(c).

4. As of the date of this Order, the Board has not made a determination as to whether Respondent violated any statutes or rules related to the practice of nursing.

5. Respondent has voluntarily agreed not to practice as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pending the Board's final resolution of DLSC Case Number 22 NUR 443.

6. Respondent's consent to the entry of this Order does not constitute an admission of any of the allegations referenced above.

## CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07 and has authority to enter into this stipulation for an Interim Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

### <u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license no. 255555-30) and her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license no. 323468-31) are SUSPENDED as of the date of this Order.

3. The suspension shall continue until the Board issues a Final Decision and Order in DLSC Case Number 22 NUR 443.

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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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RESPONDENT.	: FOR INTERIM ORDER
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	ORDER 0008

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 NUR 443

Mary K. Brown, L.P.N., R.N. (Respondent), and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into in the course of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance.

2. Respondent is aware of her right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Peyton Engel.

3. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Interim Order by the Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Interim Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the attached Interim Order, if adopted in the form as attached.

4. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

5. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.

6. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Interim Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

7. Respondent is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Interim Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.

Mary K. Brown, Respondent Durand, WI 54736 License Nos. 255555-30 and 323468-31

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Date

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