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October 27, 2016

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Branson Labauve
1915 Airport Rd. #11
Jennings, LA 70546

License # 20160570

Dear Mr. Labauve:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning the "bizarre" behavior you exhibited while employed at Jennings American Legion Hospital. It alleges that on or about October 9, 2016, you were witnessed by a number of co-workers to be impaired. You appeared anxious and walked back and forth in the hallway. You were observed taking a pair of gloves and a step stool into the public restroom. You smelled of marijuana following your smoke break. Multiple times, you were observed talking loudly to yourself. Your speech was slurred and your pupils were extremely dilated. It was also reported that you came in during the day shift and obtained empty urine cups. You submitted to a urine drug screen after you initially refused. You were found positive for amphetamines, benzodiazepines and marijuana.

Louisiana Revised Statutes, 49:961 (C), in pertinent part, provides: "If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to the effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." LSA-R.S. 49:961(C).

The board has determined that the allegations against you are sufficiently serious to **summarily suspend your LPN license**, in accordance with the above cited authority, and hereby, issues the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that based on the information and/or record(s) obtained by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, and a finding "that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action", in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:961(C), the LPN license of the above named respondent, **Branson Labauve**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

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You must *immediately* cease and desist the practice of practical nursing and return your current practical nursing license to the board office.

The board will schedule your case for the next available formal hearing and will notify you by mail of the date and time. Moreover, the board will continue its investigation of the allegations against you, about which you will be notified by formal complaint, to determine if you are in violation of the following:

3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;
4. being habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
5. being mentally incompetent;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
- **a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;**
- **b. failure to utilize appropriate judgment in administering nursing practice;**
- **g. improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;**
- **h. misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;**
- **j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**
- **o. being guilty of moral turpitude;**
- **q. using or being under the influence of alcohol, while on duty, and/or while making application for employment, or using or being under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on duty, or using or being under the influence of illegal drugs whether on or off duty;**
- **r. possess a physical or psychological impairment which interferes with the judgment, skills or abilities required for the practice of practical nursing;**
- **t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.**

Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969, et. seq.

Furthermore, you should immediately submit to our office a detailed narrative response to each and every allegation.

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