IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE:  ANGELA DOOHEN, RN
License No. R036176

Licensee.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the South Dakota Board of Nursing’s Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Letter of Reprimand in the above-referenced matter was signed by the Board of Nursing’s Executive Director, Gloria Damgaard, on July 24, 2017. A true and correct copy of the same is attached to this Notice and herewith served upon you.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 26th day of July, 2017, I sent a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Entry of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Letter of Reprimand by United States first-class mail, postage prepaid to the following:

Angela Doohen
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Licensee

[Signature]

One of the Attorneys for the South Dakota Board of Nursing
SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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RE: ANGELA DOOHEN, RN
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Licensee.

The South Dakota Board of Nursing’s ("Board") hearing on Licensee’s request for a contested case hearing pursuant to ARSD 20:48:11:01 came on for hearing before the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") at its office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on June 29, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Licensee, Angela Doohen, appeared in person to present evidence on her behalf. The Board appeared by and through its attorney, Kristine K. O’Connell.

The Board considered the evidentiary testimony provided by the Licensee. The Board also considered Exhibit 1 entered into evidence; and being charged with the statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, as set forth in SDCL Ch. 36-9, the Board hereby makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Angela Doohen, RN ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R036176.

2. That on or about October 28, 2016, the Licensee, while employed as a registered nurse, allowed her license to expire.
3. On or about March 27, 2017, the Licensee, while looking at her birthdate on her driver’s license, realized that she failed to renew her nursing license.

4. On March 27, 2017, the Licensee renewed her South Dakota nursing license.

5. At the time of renewal, the Licensee had worked on a lapsed license for a period of five months. Licensee did not deny that she worked for five months on a lapsed license.

6. Licensee had moved twice and experienced a family member with health issues which caused her to overlook the renewal of the license.

7. That the Licensee is aware of the importance of having a license when practicing as a nurse.

From the foregoing findings of fact, the Board draws the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the South Dakota Board of Nursing has jurisdiction and authority over this matter pursuant to SDCL §§ 36-9-1.1 and 36-9-49.

2. That the Board has a policy to issue a Letter of Reprimand to licensees who have practiced on a lapsed license for over a period of four months.

3. The Licensee, in practicing for a period of five months without a license, is in violation of the Board’s policy.

4. That the Licensee’s conduct as identified in the findings of fact is in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49 (9) in that she engaged in the practice of nursing during a time that her license was lapsed and Licensee’s conduct violates the statutes and rules regarding the practice of nursing.
5. That the evidence of violations of the Nursing Practice Act is clear and convincing and the Board of Nursing has met its burden of proof.

THEREFORE, let an ORDER be entered accordingly:

ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the South Dakota Board of Nursing hereby Orders:

1. That the Board issues this Letter of Reprimand to the Licensee for practicing as a registered nurse on a lapsed license for a period of five months.

2. This is final action and is reportable discipline which will be published in the Board’s newsletter, posted on its website, and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law. As this is a reportable discipline, Licensee is required to provide an affirmative response to inquiries of disciplinary action on further renewals and other nursing related inquiries.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2017.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS
Executive Director
The foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order for Letter of Reprimand were adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 29th day of June, 2017, by a vote of 10 to 0.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2017.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS
Executive Director