## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: PATRICK A. TOUSIGNANT, RN, CRNA

CRNA License No. CR00785

ORDER FOR ISSUANCE OF SINGLE STATE RN LICENSE ONLY WITH CONTINUED HPAP

Licensee.

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WHEREAS, Patrick Allan Tousignant, CRNA ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in the State of South Dakota and holds license number CR00785; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2014, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") accepted a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order signed by the Licensee on January 15, 2014 arising out of his diversion of controlled substances from his employer's facility for his own use; and

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended the Licensee's CRNA license for an indefinite period subject to a reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-57, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a licensure request dated March 30, 2015 which was presented to the Board on April 17, 2015. The Licensee provided documentation supporting his request. The Board was also provided documentation from the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") supporting the Licensee's request; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee's request, the statements and documents provided by the Licensee, the previous Orders, the HPAP report, and being fully advised in the premises;

## NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
  - 2. That the Licensee will be issued a single state RN license only.
- 3. That the Board hereby mandates the Licensee's continued participation in the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP").
- 4. All terms and conditions as well as clearance to return to employment and any restrictions on access to narcotics shall be set by HPAP, and the Licensee shall fully comply with all of those terms and conditions.
- 5. The Licensee shall notify the Board as well as the HPAP in writing within one (1) week of any change in nursing employment, personal address, and/or telephone number.
- 6. Licensee shall pay for all costs and expenses in carrying out conditions of probation.
- 7. Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this order, Licensee shall be issued his single state RN license by the Board office and it is to be stamped "SINGLE STATE."
  - 8. Licensee shall not violate any law or regulation regarding the practice of nursing.
- 9. The Licensee shall not practice nursing in any state other than South Dakota which is a party state to the Nurse Licensure Compact, without prior written authorization from

both the Board and the Nursing Regulatory Authority in the party state in which the Licensee desires to practice.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order for Issuance of Single State RN License Only with Continued HPAP was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, by a vote of 8-0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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