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April 29, 2015

Karin Fink Howland  
1233 Maryland Avenue, NE  
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CERTIFIED MAIL

DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

RE: License No.: 0001-102225

DATE 4/29/15

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), you are hereby given notice that your license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered April 29, 2015. You are hereby advised that, pursuant to Section 54.1-2409.1 of the Code, any person who practices a profession or occupation after having their license or certificate to do so suspended shall be guilty of a felony. Please return your license to Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing, at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

Section 54.1-2409 of the Code further provides that you may apply to the Board of Nursing ("Board") for reinstatement of your license, and shall be entitled to a hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of sixty days from the receipt of such reinstatement application. You have the following rights, among others: to be represented by legal counsel, to have witnesses subpoenaed on your behalf, to present documentary evidence and to cross-examine adverse witnesses. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present of the Board of Nursing.

Should you wish to petition the Board of Nursing for reinstatement of your license, contact Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, at the above address or (804) 367-4599.

Sincerely,



David E. Brown, D.C., Director  
Department of Health Professions

Enclosures  
Case # 163043

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**IN RE:           KARIN FINK HOWLAND, R.N.**  
**License No.: 0001-102225**

**ORDER**

In accordance with Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the license of Karin Fink Howland, R.N., to practice nursing in the District of Columbia was suspended by an Order of the Board dated April 20, 2015. A certified copy of the Order of the Board is attached to this Order and is marked as Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1.

WHEREFORE, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Karin Fink Howland, R.N., to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and hereby is, SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Karin Fink Howland, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current. Should Ms. Howland seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

Pursuant to Sections 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.



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David E. Brown, D.C., Director  
Department of Health Professions

ENTERED: 4/29/15



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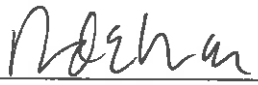
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### CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Order of the Board dated April 20, 2015, regarding Karin Fink Howland, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the District of Columbia Board of Nursing.

  
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David E. Brown, D.C.

Date: 4/29/15

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

Karin Howland, RN

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

Jurisdiction

This matter comes before the District of Columbia Board of Nursing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.04(b)(1) (2001) otherwise known as the Health Occupations Revision Act ("HORA"). The "HORA" provides for the regulation of registered nurses by the D.C. Board of Nursing.

Background

On December 5, 2014 the Chairman of the Board of Nursing executed an "Order of the Board" regarding Karin Howland, RN. The "Order" provided the following:

Within ninety (90) days of this Order being signed by the Board Chairman, Karin Howland shall be evaluated by the Committee on Impaired Nurses ("COIN") and shall pay a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). If Ms. Howland fails to be evaluated or pay the fine in the time prescribed, her registered nurse license shall be suspended.

On March 23, 2015 Karin Howland executed an "Affidavit and Letter of Voluntary Surrender of License." The "Affidavit" provided the following pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.17:

(a) Any health professional who is the subject of an



of an investigation into, or a pending proceeding involving, allegations involving misconduct may voluntarily surrender his or her license or privilege to practice in the District, but only by delivering to the board regulating the health occupation an affidavit stating that the health professional desires to surrender the license or privilege and that the action is freely and voluntarily taken, and not the result of duress or coercion.


- (b) Upon receipt of the required affidavit, the board shall enter an order revoking or suspending the license of the health professional or the privilege to practice.

Based upon the aforementioned the Board of Nursing now issues the following:

**ORDER**

The license of Karin Howland, RN is hereby **SUSPENDED**. This suspension shall remain in effect until such time that Karin Howland is evaluated by the Committee on Impaired Nurses and pays a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500).

4/20/15  
Date

  
Cathy Boris-Hale, RN, MHA  
Chairman  
Board of Nursing

As mandated by federal law, 42 USC § 11101<sup>1</sup> and 45 CFR § 50<sup>2</sup>, "the National Practitioner Data Bank – Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank," this disciplinary action shall be reported to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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<sup>1</sup> United States Code

<sup>2</sup> Code of Federal Regulations