

# State Suspends Professional Licenses of Delaware Nurses

(DOVER, Del.) – Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock has ordered the temporary suspension of the Delaware nursing license of Kenneth E. Weichert and Michelle A. Vickers following complaints of engaging in activities that present a clear and immediate danger to the public health.

In making his determination, Secretary Bullock considered the written complaints filed by the Delaware Department of Justice with the Board of Nursing for temporary suspension of the professional licenses of Weichert and Vickers.

The temporary suspension of Weichert's license follows his arrest and charge on April 10th, 2014 with one misdemeanor count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, one misdemeanor count of Possession of Marijuana, and one misdemeanor count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The complaint against Vickers alleges her serious and habitual nature of offenses including engagement in repeated diversion of narcotics from the employer for her own personal use; admitting to a dependence on narcotics; continuing to practice nursing unmonitored while addicted to such medications; being discharged from a treatment program for noncompliance and poor prognosis; and being suspended from her multistate practice privilege in Maryland.

Recently, the Delaware Code Titles 23 and 24 were amended to enable a temporary suspension pending a hearing to be issued upon the written order of the Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee, with the concurrence of the Board chair or the Board chair's designee if the activity of the licensee presents a clear and immediate danger to the public health.

As a result of the actions taken today, the suspensions of

Weichert and Vickers will remain in effect for a period of 60 days during which time disciplinary hearings will be held to determine the final disposition for each nurse.

The licensure status of Weichert and Vickers has been updated on the Division of Professional Regulation's online license verification service, which can be found by visiting [dpr.delaware.gov](http://dpr.delaware.gov) and clicking "Verify License Online." You may also view online the public orders suspending the licenses of [Kenneth E. Weichert](#) and [Michelle A. Vickers](#).

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