

DUI History and Traveling

I don't need to define a DUI (Driving under the influence) because we all know what it is. Why? Because at one time or another, all of us have more than likely had more than one drink at some time and got behind the wheel or we know someone who did and suffered the consequences.

With the increased awareness and elevated consequences of drinking while intoxicated, people in general are more cautious than they used to be. However, the reason I bring up this topic is because I recently had a traveling nurse approach me regarding delays in getting her nursing license due to a previous DUI, a consequence that I never thought of in regards to DUI and traveling.

She wondered if obtaining her nursing license would be difficult everywhere and how this would affect her traveling. She also wondered what would have happened if she omitted it on her application when she applied for her license?

I began to wonder how popular this problems was in the traveling community and how travelers were dealing with it. Therefore, I took this topic into the community and found many nurses who are also affected by a DUI in their past.

Travelers say that a DUI will always affect you regardless of how long ago it was. They also agree that telling the truth on your application is absolutely necessary. Not telling the truth can result in loosing your license all together (a risk that is too high for most.) As a matter a fact, a few of the travelers know of nurses who lied on their application in order to avoid the hassle of explaining their DUI and those nurses are now struggling to get their license back.

The good news is that nurses admit to being fearful upon every application, but after facing their fears head on and fessing up to their past, they have found that it is not that bad. When they fill out an application they make sure to have all their documentation on hand. The following are examples of some of the documents you might need:

Police Report of the Incident
References or evaluations
Phone numbers of nurses as personal references
DUI school certificate

Any documentation you can think of to give them will make the process go smoother and faster. They have found the nursing boards to be pretty lenient as long as you are honest and provide documentation.

If any of you have experienced a DUI in the past and it keeps you from traveling, think again. Get your documentation together and hit the road. You are not the only one who has had to face this situation. According to fellow travelers, once you have all your documentation together, there shouldn't be many delays in getting your application

processed in most states. Yes, it's embarrassing and a hard lesson to learn, but can take the lesson and then move on. According to other travelers, there is a life after a DUI.