

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy



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The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (Board) is charged with licensing and regulating those persons who engage in the practice of Massage Therapy. The regulations are found in Louisiana Massage Therapists and Massage Establishments Act, La R.S. 37: Chapter 57.

The above named has been determined to have violated the rules and/or regulations applicable to the practice of massage therapy as follows:

La. R.S. 37:3551, et seq. Chapter 57. Massage Therapists and Establishments

§3559. License regulations

- A. Each licensed massage therapist who works at a massage establishment shall display his LMT-ID Card in plain view in an appropriate public manner. A licensed massage therapist who is working outside of a massage establishment shall have in his possession his LMT-ID Card and shall present it for review upon request of a client or board representative.
- B. Name or location changes to any license shall be submitted to the board within thirty days of the change with appropriate fees.
- C. The license is nontransferable and shall be for the sole use and benefit of the licensee or location issued.

§3561. License renewal requirements

- B. Any license not renewed on or before its expiration date shall expire and all rights and privileges under the license shall cease.

§3563. Grounds for discipline

- (7) Failing to comply with license or renewal requirements

§3564. Regulation of advertising

- A. A person or an entity that does not hold a license as a massage therapist, physical therapist, or chiropractor, a certificate to practice athletic training, or a license as a massage establishment shall not use the words "massage", "body work", or any derivative or variation of the word "massage", including specific bodywork or massage modalities, on any sign or other form of advertising. Any advertisement by a massage therapist or a massage establishment shall contain the license number of such therapist or

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establishment. Building signs with promotional material shall also include the professional or establishment number.

Chapter 53. Misconduct and Negligence in the Practice of Massage Therapy

§5301. Unprofessional Conduct

A. The following acts shall constitute misconduct in the practice of massage therapy or incorrect practice of massage for which disciplinary penalties may be imposed:

3. aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising any unlicensed person to practice massage therapy, contrary to this Rule or to a rule of the department or the board;
5. making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of massage;
6. practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or accepting and performing professional responsibilities which the licensee knows or has reason to know that he is not competent to perform;
7. delegating professional responsibilities to a person when the licensee delegating such responsibilities knows or has reason to know that such person is not qualified by training, experience, or licensure to perform them;

Based on the above violations, you are hereby notified to immediately cease and desist advertising and/or performing massage therapy services. Your failure to immediately comply with this notice shall result in the matter being referred to the appropriate police authorities for a criminal investigation for the violation of the above statutes. The Board may also elect to pursue civil injunctive remedies which could result in imposition of civil penalties and an award of attorney fees. If you feel that you are currently licensed or otherwise exempt from possessing a license from the license requirements of the statutes, you need to immediately notify the Board office in writing at 2645 O'Neal Lane, Bldg. C Suite E. Baton Rouge LA 70816. The Board office can also advise as to the steps required to become properly licensed in the State of Louisiana to engage in the practice of massage therapy.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact the Board Office.

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