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CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE

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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.

Applicable Provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 37, Chapter 57 are as follows:

§3556. Licensure; qualifications

- A. No person shall engage in the practice of massage therapy without a current license issued pursuant to this Chapter unless such person is exempt under the provisions of this Chapter.

§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.
- D. All licenses are the property of the board and shall be surrendered upon demand of the board.

§3561. License renewal requirements

- A. Each license shall be renewed annually, on or before its expiration date by submitting a renewal application form, payment of the renewal fee specified in R.S. 37:3562, and providing evidence that the licensee has completed continuing education requirements, as established by rule of the board.
- B. Any license not renewed on or before its expiration date shall expire and all rights and privileges under the license shall cease.

§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 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:

2. false, deceptive, or misleading advertising;
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;
12. practicing massage therapy when a license to practice massage therapy has expired, been revoked, suspended or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure by the licensing authority of another state, territory or country;
15. engaging in the practice of massage therapy without a current massage license;

If you feel that the therapist/establishment cited is exempt from the license requirements of the statutes, notify the Board office in writing at the address listed above.. The Board may also elect to pursue civil injunctive remedies which could result in imposition of civil penalties and an award of attorney fees. Failure to comply with this notice may result in the matter being referred to the appropriate police authorities for a criminal investigation for the violation of the above statutes.

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