

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy
State of Louisiana

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



January 30, 2017

Jessica M Moreau
924 Belmere Luxury Court
Houma LA 70360

Re: Unauthorized Practice of Massage Therapy- License Number LA5431 – Cease and Desist Notice

Dear Ms. Moreau:

The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy ("Board") regulates the practice of massage therapy from a licensing standpoint and also enforces the legal and ethical standards to which licensed therapists must comply. The Board office recently received a complaint indicating that you are engaging in the practice of massage therapy and advertising yourself as a "Massage Therapist" without a current license. A check of Board records indicates that you previously held Massage Therapist License Number LA5431, but that license expired on March 31, 2015 and has not renewed.

La. R.S. 37:3561 provides as follows:

§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.

Since your prior license was not renewed, you are no longer authorized to engage in the practice of massage therapy. Practicing Massage Therapy or advertising as providing massage services without a license is considered a misdemeanor under R.S. 37: 3565 (A) and may result in a criminal investigation. **You should immediately cease and desist such activity until properly licensed.**

Before steps are taken to turn this matter over to local police authorities for investigation of possible criminal violations, the Board wanted to provide you with the opportunity to address this matter and become properly licensed. Approved on-line CEU courses are available for you to complete the requirements for renewal. If the Board office has not been advised within 15 days from the receipt of this letter that you will comply with this notice, a follow-up investigation will be undertaken and if a continued violation of the rules and/or statutes is found, it could result in the imposition of fines and penalties that will have to be paid before a license renewal will be approved.

If you are not currently actively engaged in the practice of massage therapy, then this letter would not be applicable to your situation. However, if that is the case, please notify the board office in order that this complaint file may be resolved.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter or about what steps are required to properly renew your individual license or register as a massage establishment, feel free to contact the Board office.

Regards,
Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy