

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy
State of Louisiana

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE

To: Bodywork by Jonathan
1440 A West McNeese St.
Lake Charles, LA 70605

Date: February 20, 2020

Re: Unauthorized Practicing and Advertising Massage Therapy

Dear Sir/Sirs:

The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (Board) is charged with licensing and regulating those persons and businesses 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.

§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.

B. No Sexually oriented business, as defined in R.S.37:3558(C) shall use the word "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.

§3565. Penalties

A. Violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall be considered a misdemeanor and any person, including the owner or operator of a massage establishment, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred or more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

If you feel that your therapist/establishment 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 within 30 days from the date of this notice to 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.

Sincerely,

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy

NOTICE: In compliance with Act 695 of the 2018 Regular Session, the LBMT hereby gives notice to its licensees and applicants of their opportunity to file a complaint about board actions and board procedures. You may submit such complaints to one or more of the following organizations:

* Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy: *Submit in writing to:* LBMT, 2645 O'Neal Lane, Bldg. C, Ste. E, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; admin@lbmt.org; (225)756-3488.

* Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: *Submit to:* H&GA@legis.la.gov or Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives, PO Box 44486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225) 342-2403

* Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs, La. Senate: *Submit to:* s&g@legis.la.gov or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs, La. Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-0845