

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy

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Jeff Landry
Governor

4/24/2024

Lotus Spa / Massage Business Located at:

101c Talbot Ave

Thibodaux, LA 70301

985-347-9528

Email: 3095309530@qq.com

Re: Cease & Desist Issued 4/24/2024

This letter is to inform you that we have no record of proper licensure for the above listed business and or address. *See La. R.S. 57:3558. Massage establishments*, included in this notice. To protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, the Board issued the enclosed Cease & Desist order effective immediately.

In addition, LBMT regularly searches websites where businesses offering illicit services and/or illegal prostitution regularly advertise. During a recent search on these websites, it was discovered that the phone number and address associated with business was advertising on several of these websites such as, AdultLook, , backpagegals, skipthegames, onebackpage, and others. The advertisements include photographs of scantily clad women, dressed in lingerie suggestive to prurient interest. *See La. R.S. 57:3564. Regulation of advertising, included in this notice.*

Should you choose to apply for proper licensure with the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy please be advised that the above could affect your eligibility for licensure. Please see the included excerpts from the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy laws, rules and standards beginning on the next page. Full laws, rules and standards are located on our website, LABMT.org

If you feel that this establishment cited is exempt from the license requirements of the statutes, notify the Board office at the above listed address. Failure to comply with this notice to cease operation immediately, may or has already resulted in the Board electing to turn over any information to law enforcement and or parish ordinance regulators. The Board may also pursue civil injunctive remedies which could result in the imposition of civil penalties and an award of attorney fees.

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(3) Obtaining a massage establishment license shall be the responsibility of the entity which controls the physical location where the services are provided, which entity may be a sole proprietor, lessee, owner, partnership, corporation, cooperative, association, or other legal entity.

B. A massage establishment shall employ or contract only licensed massage therapists to perform massage therapy.

§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.
- 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.
- C. In all pictorial representations for any advertisement representing massage therapy, including such representations through video, all persons representing massage therapists shall be attired and posed in a manner as to avoid appealing to the prurient interest. Persons representing clients shall be appropriately draped and posed.

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 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. 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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