## LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

JOHN BELEDWARDS GOVERNOR



## Notice of Refusal to Renew Massage Therapist License Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy

2645 O'Neal Lane, Bldg. C, Ste. E, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Cashier's Check or Money Order Only (225)756-3488 www.labmt.org

Establishment/Therapist Name: Bingbing Li

License or Registration #: LA8186

Address: 400 Travis Street Ste. 324

Shreveport, LA 71101

Phone: 225-313-1536

Date of Notice: 10/19/2018

Action: Effective October 19, 2018, Massage Therapist License #LA8186 issued in the name of Bing Bing Li has been declared ineligible for renewal.

**Reason for action:** The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy ("board") has received notice that on 7/30/2018, Bingbing Li entered a plea of guilty to a violation of La. R.S. 14:230 (B) (1) Money Laundering involving "proceeds derived from the criminal activity, to wit: prostitution by massage", in the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, Case Number 350977.

La. R.S. 37:3563 (A) provides as follows:

"The board may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license after notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, upon proof of any of the following: ...

(5) Conviction of any crime arising out of or connected with the practice of massage therapy, unless such conviction was reversed on appeal."

Since the conviction arose from funds derived from prostitution by massage, it would be considered to be a crime "arising out of or connected with the practice of massage therapy".

Sanctions: Bingbing Li is not entitled to renew Massage Therapy License #LA8186 for a period of six (6) months. Until the license has been renewed she is prohibited from engaging in the practice of massage therapy and any continuation of such practice is a violation of La. R. S. 37:3556 and may give rise to criminal sanctions under R. S. 37:3565.

Notice of Intent to Contest: Unless a written Notice of Intent to Contest this refusal to Renew License #LA8186 is filed with the board office within 15 days of this Notice of Refusal, the refusal to authorize renewal of this license will be final and will not be subject to appeal.

Any questions regarding the Notice of Revocation should be directed to the board office.

Sincerely,

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy

370261