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Notice of Revocation/Suspension of 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

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Establishment/Therapist Name: *Juhong Wu*

License or Registration #: *LA8222*

Address: *3426 Cypress Street Site 1
West Monroe, LA 71291*

Phone: *626-257-1084*

Date of Notice: *9/21/2020*

Action: Effective October 05, 2020, Individual Massage Therapist License #LA8222 issued in the name of Juhong Wu has been revoked/suspended.

Reason for action: The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy ("board") conducted an investigation of a complaint that the massage therapist license issued to Juhong Wu was based on a false statement in the license application that the applicant had the ability to read, write, speak and understand English fluently. La. R.S. 37:3556 addresses "License Qualifications" and provides "A. ... To receive a massage therapist license in the State of Louisiana, an applicant shall . . . submit evidence satisfactory to the board of meeting the following requirements: . . . (3) Is a citizen or legal resident of the United States and has the ability to read, write, speak and understand English fluently." The license holder was offered the opportunity to address the complaint in an informal hearing before the Complaint Investigation Officer but did not cooperate in scheduling such a hearing. Accordingly, the license issued by the board to Juhong Wu was based on a false statement or misrepresentation in the application.

The misrepresentation about license qualifications and making a false declaration in the application justifies revocation of licensure under La. R.S. 37:3563 (A) which provides: "The board may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license after notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, upon proof on any of the following:

- (1) Obtaining a license by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment of material facts, including making false statements on an application or other document required by the board.

Sanctions: Individual Therapist License #LA8222 is revoked/suspended and Juhong Wu 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: Notice of intent to contest this revocation/suspension must be provided in writing to the Board office at the address noted above within 15 days of the date of this Notice of Revocation. Upon receipt of such notice to contest, the matter will be assigned for a formal hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. A Notice of Intent to Contest form can be found on the LBMT website or can be requested from the board office. Unless a written Notice of Intent to Contest is filed within 15 days of this Notice of Revocation/Suspension, the revocation/suspension 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

NOTICE: In compliance with Act 653 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@labmt.org; (225)756-3488.
- Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: *Submit to:* HAGA@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:* s8g@legis.la.gov or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-9845