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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY
OAL DOCKET NUMBER: BDS 00781-2024N

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

PETER PETROVIC, LMBT License No. 18KT01249800

TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy (the "Board") upon a consumer complaint that Peter Petrovic ("Respondent"), License No. 18KT01249800, inappropriately touched a client during a massage.

Based upon these allegations, on July 31, 2023, a Motion to Proceed Summarily and Verified Complaint were filed with the Board. The matter was transferred to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case and assigned Docket Number BDS 00781-2024N.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent violated N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c), (d), (e), (f), (h), as well as N.J.A.C. 13:37A-3.5. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further proceedings, and it appearing that Respondent has read the terms of the within Final Consent Order and understands their meaning and effect and consents to be bound by same and has availed himself of the advice of counsel, and the Board finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare; and it appearing that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order;

IT IS, therefore, on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent, Peter Petrovic, LMBT, License No. 18KT01249800, is hereby granted leave to, and shall, immediately surrender his license to practice massage and bodywork therapy in the State of New Jersey, with such surrender to be deemed a permanent revocation.
- 2. The revocation of Respondent's massage and bodywork therapy license shall be with prejudice, and Respondent shall not have the ability to re-apply for his license to practice massage and bodywork therapy at any future time.
- 3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding himself out as a massage and bodywork therapist and shall refrain from the practice of massage and bodywork therapy in the State of New Jersey.
  - 4. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist all client contact at any location.
  - 5. Respondent shall immediately forward his license, along with his wallet-sized

biennial renewal license to the State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, Attention: Edie Nugent, Executive Director, State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45048, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

- 6. Respondent shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for massage or bodywork therapy services rendered by others.
- 7. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Final Consent Order is without prejudice to further action by this Board, the Attorney General, the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs or other law enforcement entities resulting from Respondent's conduct prior to the entry of this Order. This Order shall be a full and final resolution by this Board of all violations and facts expressly referenced in this Order.
- 8. Respondent enters into this Final Consent Order knowingly and voluntarily and acknowledges that there have been no other representations or agreements not stated in writing herein.
- 9. Respondent's failure to comply with any provision of this Final Consent Order may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for, but not limited to, failure to comply with an Order of the Board.
- 10. This Final Consent Order shall be a full and final disposition of the OAL matter docketed as BDS 00781-2024N.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND

**BODYWORK THERAPY** 

By:

David Bank, L.M.B.T.

**Board Chair** 

I represent that I have carefully read and considered this Final Consent Order, understand its terms, agree to comply with said terms and consent to the entry of the Final Consent Order by the Board.

Peter Petrovic, L.M.B.T

Date: 12 · 16 - 24

I consent to the form of this Final Consent Order and to its entry by the Board.

Debra Levine, Esq.

Attorney for Respondent

Date: 12/16/2024