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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED
CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
HONGWEI GENG, L.M.T., :
RESPONDENT. :

ORDER 0007103

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 MAB 010

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Hongwei Geng, L.M.T.
Milwaukee, WI 53219

Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Hongwei Geng, L.M.T., (DOB xx/xx/1962) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice massage therapy or bodywork therapy, having license number 13260-146, first issued on February 9, 2015, and current through February 28, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53219.

2. On October 16, 2017, the Department received an anonymous complaint alleging that individuals at a massage establishment in Eau Claire, Wisconsin (Facility), provided unlicensed massage and sexual services.

3. During the Department's investigation of the complaint, the Facility provided Respondent's license to practice massage therapy and bodywork therapy in Wisconsin and she was referred to the Board, which opened this matter for investigation.

4. On April 1, 2020, Respondent submitted a timely response to the Department denying she ever worked at the Facility, but also disclosing for the first time a prior conviction in the state of Virginia.

5. On April 1, 2015, the Manassas (VA) Police Department executed a search warrant on a massage establishment, which resulted in Respondent being arrested and charged with one count of Residing in a Bawdy Place, a misdemeanor.

6. On August 7, 2015, Respondent was convicted of an amended charge of Disorderly Conduct in Prince William General District Court Case No. GC15003722-00, a misdemeanor, in violation of Virginia Criminal Code § 18.2-415.

7. Respondent holds an active, unencumbered massage therapy license in Virginia, which expires on December 31, 2020.

8. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 460.02, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Hongwei Geng, L.M.T., violated Wis. Admin. Code § MTBT 5.02(26) by being convicted of any federal or state law or rule, including criminal law, which is substantially related to the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Hongwei Geng, L.M.T., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 460.14(2).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Hongwei Geng, L.M.T., is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Hongwei Geng, L.M.T., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$360.00.

4. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Respondent may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here:
www.dspsmonitoring.wi.gov

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 13260-146) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY
AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

By: Robert Coleman, Jr.
A Member of the Board

1 December 2020
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
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STIPULATION

ORDER 0007103

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 MAB 010

Respondent Hongwei Geng, L.M.T., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

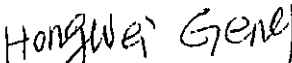
1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

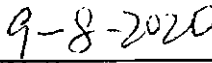
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.


8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Hongwei Geng, L.M.T., Respondent
Milwaukee, WI 53219
License No. 13260-146



Date



Julie Zimmer, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

09/15/2020

Date