

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



**DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING**

**IN THE MATTER OF: PATRICK MCGIRR
LICENSEE NO.: MT00899
COMPLAINT ID #: C24-0434A**

SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE

Patrick McGirr (“Respondent”) has been licensed as a Massage Therapist pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8 *et seq.* since July 1, 2002. Complaint ID #C24-0434 (the “Complaint”) recently came before the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Quality and Safety, Center for Professional Boards and Licensing (“RIDOH”) alleging that Respondent had engaged in behavior that constituted “gross unprofessional conduct” against his Massage Therapist license pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8-1 *et seq.* This Summary Suspension is issued related to the Complaint and pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 23-20.8-6. After careful consideration and further investigation by RIDOH, the following constitute the findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the allegations against Respondent in the Complaint:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That Respondent is a Massage Therapist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under License Number MT00899 (the “License”).
2. That on or about April 25, 2024, RIDOH received notice that, during practicing massage therapy on or about April 18, 2024, Respondent groped the breasts and tweaked the nipples of Patient A.
3. That, at all times during which the incident described in the Paragraph(s) above took place, Respondent was practicing massage therapy at Bellevue Massage and Bodyworks in Newport, Rhode Island.
4. After review of available evidence, the Director of Health has found reasonable cause to believe that Respondent is practicing in violation of R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8 *et. seq.* in

this case and finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

ORDER

5. Based on the foregoing and pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8-6 the License is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED.
6. Charges will be issued, and a hearing shall be scheduled within 90 days of the issuance of this summary suspension. When the hearing is held, an Administrative Hearing Officer shall preside over such hearing. As a result of the hearing, discipline may be imposed on the License (for example, it may be suspended or revoked), or no discipline may be imposed on the License.

Ordered this 16th day of May, 2024



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