

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING**

**IN THE MATTER OF: MICHAEL DORVAL
LICENSE NO.: MT01868
COMPLAINT ID #: C22-0784**

SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE

Michael Dorval (“Respondent”) has been licensed as a Massage Therapist, License Number MT01868 (the “License”) pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8-1 *et seq.* (the “Massage Therapy Law”) and 216-RICR-40-05-10, the Regulations Pertaining to Massage Therapists (the “Massage Therapy Regulations”) since June 24, 2011. Complaint ID #C22-0784 (the “Complaint”) recently came before the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Customer Services, Center for Professional Boards and Licensing (“RIDOH”) alleging that Respondent had engaged in behavior that supports action against his Massage Therapist license pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ Chapter 23-20.8 *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 in the Complaint against Respondent:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That Respondent is a Massage Therapist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under the License.
2. That on or about June 21, 2022, RIDOH received notice that Respondent allegedly touched Patient A in an inappropriate manner, to wit:
 - a. On or about January 6, 2022, during the course of providing professional massage therapy services, Respondent inserted his fingers into the vagina of Patient A.
 - b. The actions described in Paragraph (a) above are in violation of (i) Standard V(e) and Standard VI(a) of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork Standards of Practice and (ii) Section XIV of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, both of which are incorporated into §§ 9(C) and (D) of the Massage Therapy Regulations, respectively.

- c. Pursuant to Paragraphs (a) and (b) above, Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation under § 6 of the Massage Therapy Law and § 10(A)(3) of the Massage Therapy Regulations.
3. That, at all times during which the incident described in Paragraph 2 above took place, Respondent worked at the Sacred Hands Massage and Wellness Center, Heritage Place, Building A, 719 Front St., Apt. #107, Woonsocket, RI 02895.
4. That the RIDOH director (the "Director of Health") has reviewed the facts and conclusions in this case and finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

ORDER

5. Based on the foregoing and pursuant to the Massage Therapy Law and the Massage Therapy Regulations, the License is hereby **SUSPENDED** until further Order of RIDOH.
6. A written request for hearing may be filed with the Director of Health within ninety days after service of this Suspension. An Administrative Hearing Officer shall preside over such hearing. As a result of the hearing, further discipline may be imposed on the License (for example, it may be suspended or revoked), or no discipline may be imposed on the License. If no hearing is requested, this Suspension shall become a final order (as such term is understood under the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act).

Ordered this 24th day of June, 2022



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