

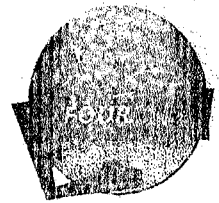


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CEMT RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 001

**MORATORIUM ON THE RENEWAL OF LICENSES
OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS
FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS AND OVER**

WHEREAS, the Committee of Examiners for Massage Therapy (CEMT) is mandated to regulate the practice of massage therapy in accordance to the provisions of the Sanitation Code of the Philippines (PD 856) and Executive Order No. 102 s.1999;

WHEREAS, PD 856 also provides the CEMT the function to ensure that only qualified individuals enter the regulated profession and that the care and services which the massage therapists provide are within the standard of practice;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a data base system to enable the Committee to (1) maintain an active file of licensed massage therapists in the country, (2) to validate massage therapists vis-à-vis their licenses, and (3) prevent unscrupulous practices of unlicensed massage therapists;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing considerations, there is a need to **suspend the effectivity** of the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), Chapter XIII particularly Section 8.8.3, Suspension or Revocation of Certificate of Registration of Massage Therapists "Failure to re-validate the certificate of registration for at least five (5) years", in so far only as the Licensed Massage Therapists are concerned and only for a period from **September to December 2007**;

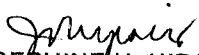
WHEREAS, the CEMT established a criteria / requirements in determining as to whether the massage therapist is indeed qualified and be allowed to renew his / her license with the following pre-requisites:

- (1) Notarized certification from a duly licensed massage therapist that the holder of the expired license is actively practicing for the duration of the non-renewed license;
- (2) If not in active practice, certification from an accredited training institution that the person holding an expired license has satisfactorily passed a refresher course – curriculum of which should be approved by the CEMT; and
- (3) Payment of arrears as stipulated in AO 2006-0036 in the amount pro-rated to the number of years the license was not renewed.

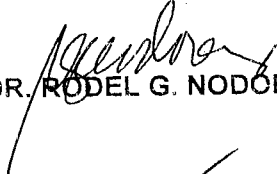
WHEREFORE, the CEMT resolved as it hereby resolves to declare a moratorium on the implementation of IRR of Chapter XIII, Section 8.8.3, on the renewal of licenses of those Licensed Massage Therapists who have not renewed for the past five (5) years and over.

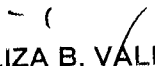
This Resolution shall take effect immediately following its publication in UP Gazette.

Done in the City of Manila this 24th day of September 2007


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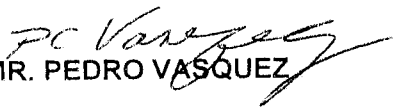
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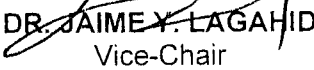

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