

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: MARY FRANCIS THOMPSON, L.M.T.**  
**License Number: 0019-013826**  
**Case Number: 172131**

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**ORDER**

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**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11), a panel of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) and a member of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board held a formal administrative hearing on January 25, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Mary F. Thompson, L.M.T., may have violated certain laws governing the practice of massage therapy in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mary Francis Thompson, L.M.T., did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

**NOTICE**

By letter dated December 29, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing (“Notice”) to Ms. Thompson notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on January 25, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. Accordingly, the panel Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Thompson and the formal hearing proceeded in her absence.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 3, 2015, the Board issued License Number 0019-013826 to Mary Francis Thompson to practice as a massage therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia. As of January 1, 2017, licensure for massage therapists became effective. Said license is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2018. At all times relevant hereto, said certificate/license was in full force and effect.

2. Mary Francis Thompson, L.M.T., is unsafe to practice as a massage therapist due to mental illness, as evidenced by the following:

a. Ms. Thompson was hospitalized at Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia, from January 13 to 15, 2016. Her diagnoses included depressive disorder, not otherwise specified and adjustment disorder, with dysregulation of mood.

b. Ms. Thompson was hospitalized from January 2 to 15, 2014, at Horizon Behavioral Health, Lynchburg, Virginia, for panic disorder without agoraphobia and major depressive disorder, recurrent, severe without psychotic features.

c. On February 11, 2014, Ms. Thompson began receiving outpatient mental health treatment at Horizon Behavioral Health, for major depressive disorder. Her case was closed on September 24, 2014, due to noncompliance and re-opened on November 21, 2014. Ms. Thompson reported having blackouts; however, she failed to follow her medication regime and failed to attend scheduled appointments. She also has a past history of multiple suicide attempts and/or gestures and self-mutilation.

3. Ms. Thompson last practiced at Massage Envy, Lynchburg, Virginia. Her employment was terminated on February 12, 2016, for failing to submit medical documentation to support her absence from work.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6).
2. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Thompson's health records or health services.

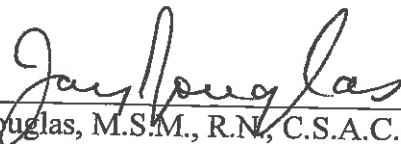
**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The license of Mary Francis Thompson to practice massage therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Mary Francis Thompson will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
3. Should Mary Francis Thompson, L.M.T. seek reinstatement of a license to practice massage therapy, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Ms. Thompson to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to practice as a massage therapist. Ms. Thompson shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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Virginia Board Of Nursing