



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
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CASE NUMBER: 2012-08

DATE: February 1, 2012

RE: Informal Consent Order Regarding Late License Renewal

Licensee Michele Bower, License No. 04081 (referred to herein as Applicant) acknowledges that she failed to timely complete and submit application for renewal of her Physical Therapy license for the year 2012. While license renewals are required by law and Board Rules to be made "on or before December 31 of each year", applicant failed to submit her renewal timely, resulting in a failure to comply with mandatory requirements as of January 1, 2012. This is a violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act [La. R.S. 37:2417] and of the Rules of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board [46 LAC Sec. 181]. These facts and provisions of law provide the authority for this Consent Order.

Applicant has now applied for reinstatement of her license. She agrees to the following terms and conditions with the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board (the Board) for late renewal:

A. Applicant will pay to the Board, in addition to regular renewal and reinstatement fees, the sum of \$250 as reimbursement for the administrative and legal time and expenses involved in late renewal of her license. Payment by check will be made by February 18, 2012. If additional time is required, you must contact the board for arrangements.

B. Applicant worked without a valid license from January 1, 2012 through January 21, 2012 at 8:10 p.m. Applicant shall provide documentation with this agreement from her employer(s) which reflects that all charges to patient accounts have been reversed for all treatments provided by applicant during the period when she was not licensed.

C. Applicant voluntarily gives her consent to this Informal Consent Order, the terms of which were approved by the Board at its January 25, 2012 meeting.

Michele Bower, PT
Applicant

Cheryl Gaudin
Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director
On behalf of the Board

Date: 2/6/12