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AMTLB Administrative Code

Emergency Rules

The emergency rules below became effective November 15, 2024, and supersede their corresponding provisions in the AMTLB Administrative Code. Permanent rule changes are pending for both items.

AMTLB Administrative Code §532-X-1-.15 Extensions of Renewal

The Board amended this rule to clarify that the Executive Officer has discretion to extend renewal of licenses under extenuating circumstances.

AMTLB Administrative Code

§532-X-4-.03 Massage Therapist Establishment Initial License Application

The Board amended this rule to eliminate the requirement for new establishment licensure applicants to appear in person before the Board to present their applications.

**CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
FILED WITH THE
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41 22 5(b) and 41 22 6(c) (2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency amendment is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on Friday, November 15, 2024.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 532-X-1-.15 Transition

EXPIRATION DATE OF RULE: Saturday, March 15, 2025

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: The amendment is necessary to prevent interruptions in licensure and service to the public due to technical difficulties related to the licensing management system

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 34-43A-6

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON A PERMANENT BASIS: Yes

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532-X-1-.15

Transition Extensions of Renewal.

~~(1) Any individual or entity who was~~In his or her discretion, the Executive Officer or a designee may grant an extension of renewal to any class of individuals or entities licensed, accredited, or registered by the former Alabama Board of Massage Therapy on June 1, 2024, and whose license, accreditation or registration was due to be renewed in the month of June 2024, shall have until July 31, 2024, to renew said license, accreditation or registration.board

~~(2) There shall be no further temporary extension of renewal.~~

Author: Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-43A-6.

History: New Rule: Published September 30, 2024; effective November 14, 2024. **Amended (ER):** Filed November 15, 2024; effective November 15, 2024; expires 120 days, March 15, 2025.

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RULE NO. AND TITLE: 532-X-4-.03 Massage Therapist Establishment Initial License Application

EXPIRATION DATE OF RULE: Saturday, March 15, 2025

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: Immediate amendment of the rule is necessary to eliminate a barrier to practice and interruptions in service to the public.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 34-43A-6

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Massage Therapist Establishment Initial License Application.

(1) An applicant for a massage therapy establishment license shall be the owner, lessee, or legal possessor of the physical establishment.

(a) If the massage therapy establishment is owned, leased, or legally possessed by a sole proprietor (individual person, sole owner/officer of a corporation, or sole member of a limited liability company), the individual who is a sole proprietor, as well as any other natural person appearing on the documentation of the applicant's right to occupy the establishment, shall apply for the massage therapy establishment license and shall be considered the "applicant" for all purposes in these rules.

(b) If the massage therapy establishment is owned, leased, or legally possessed by a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company, each owner/director/officer of a corporation, each partner in a partnership, and each member of a limited liability company, shall be considered the "applicant" for all purposes in these rules.

(c) If an entity owns or manages more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in assets in Alabama, the entity may designate one officer and the manager of the establishment as applicants for the entity-

~~(d) The applicant requesting an initial establishment license shall present in person their application to the Board for consideration and/or approval.~~

(2) An applicant for a massage therapy establishment license shall submit:

(a) A completed application on a Board-approved form.

(b) Required fees.

(c) Proof of the applicant's right to occupy the premises as demonstrated by a deed, lease, or other document establishing lawful possession in the name of the sole proprietor, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership applying for a massage therapy establishment license.

(d) Proof of coverage demonstrating that the applicant possesses professional and general liability insurance with an "A" rated or better insurance carrier in the amount of at least one million dollars.

(e) The fingerprint card and form (see Chapter 532-X-8)

1. An applicant for a massage therapy establishment license, who is a massage therapist and has completed a criminal history background check pursuant to Chapter 532-X-8 within the preceding two years, is exempt from completing a criminal history background check.

(3) If the applicant's United States citizenship has not previously been established pursuant to the requirements of Code of Alabama § 31-13-7, a completed Citizenship or Lawful Presence Checklist and supporting documentation.

(4) A two-inch-by-two-inch photograph showing a frontal view of the head and shoulders of the applicant taken no more than six months earlier than the date of submission.

(5) If the establishment will be operated under a name other than that of the sole proprietor, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership, the name under which the establishment will be operated must be identified and will be included on the establishment license when issued.

(a) The physical location of a proposed massage therapy establishment shall be subject to an initial inspection by the board before a massage therapy establishment license is granted to the applicant.

(b) An affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board shall be required to grant a license to operate a massage therapy establishment.

(c) A massage therapy establishment license is not assignable or transferable, except as described in §532-X-4-.05 of these rules.

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