

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**JASON CAVINESS,**

**Respondent**

**Registration No.: R01903**

**\* MARYLAND BOARD OF**

**\* CHIROPRACTIC & MASSAGE**

**\* THERAPY EXAMINERS**

**\* Case No.: 14-08M**

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**ORDER OF REGISTRATION SUSPENSION FOR  
DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT**

**BACKGROUND**

On or about January 8, 2014, the MD Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Examiners (the "Board") received written request from the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept of Human Resources (the "Administration") to suspend the registration of Jason Caviness, (the "Respondent"), registration number R01903 for delinquent child support, by authority of the MD Family Law Code Ann., Family Law section 10-119.3(2006 Repl. Vol. and 2009 Supp.) which provides in part:

(e)(2) Except as provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection, upon Notification by the administration under this section, a licensing authority Shall:

(i) suspend an individual's license; or

(ii) deny the license of an individual who is an applicant for a license from the licensing authority...

(h) Right to contest Identity – (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Subsection, prior to the suspension or denial of a license under subsection (e) Of this section, a licensing authority shall sent written notice of the proposed action to the individual whose license is subject to suspension or denial, including Notice of an individual's right to contest the identity of the individual whose license or application is to be suspended or denied.

(i) Appeal; hearing – (1) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Subsection, an individual may appeal a decision of a licensing authority to suspend or deny the individual's license in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

(k) Reinstatement of License – Duty of licensing authority – A licensing Authority shall immediately reinstate any license suspended, or process An application for any license denied, under this section if:

(1) notified by the Administration that the licensee should be Reinstated; and

(2) the individual otherwise qualifies for the license

On January 29, 2014 the Board sent an unexecuted copy of this Order to the Respondent's last known address and to the address on the Administration request.

~~Accompanying the unexecuted Order was a cover letter giving the Respondent written~~ notice of the right to contest his identity in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the letter. In addition, the letter advised the Respondent that if he did not submit a written contest of mistaken identity on or before the date, the Board would execute this Order. The Respondent failed to submit a written contest letter of mistaken identity February 28, 2014.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board issued a registration to practice massage therapy to the Respondent on October 22, 2013, said registration is active and set to expire on October 31, 2014.
2. On or about January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Board received a written request from the Office of Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept of Human Services (Administration), requesting the Board to suspend/deny the registration of the Respondent for delinquent child support under legal authority of Family Law section 10-119.3.
3. Family Law section 10-119.3(e)(2) & (h)(1) require that the Board suspend the registration of the Respondent upon such notification by the Administration, sending Respondent written notice of the propose suspension and of his right to contest his identity.
4. On January 29, 2014, the Board sent the Respondent an unexecuted copy of the Order of Suspension to his last known address registered with the Board and listed on the Administration's request form. Included with the Order were specific instructions on

contesting identity by submitting a written letter of contest to the Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the Board letter. The Board letter also specifically advised the Respondent that the Suspension would commence should a letter of contest not be received by the deadline date.

5. The Respondent did not submit a written contest letter by said deadline date.

6. Having given the Respondent the statutory required notice of intent to suspend his registration and the right to contest identity, and having not received a written contest of identity, the Board is statutorily required to suspend the registration in issue pursuant to Family Law section 10-119.3(e)(2).

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board concludes that, pursuant to Family Law section 10-119.(e)(2)(i), it is statutorily required to suspend the Respondent's registration.

#### ORDER

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions of law, this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of MARCH, 2014, by the MD Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Examiners, it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that the registration of the Respondent, Jason Caviness, is **SUSPENDED** and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's registration shall remain suspended until the Board receives notification from the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept of Human Resources that the Respondent's registration should be reinstated; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this is a Final Order of the Board, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and is reportable to any entity to which the Board is obligated by law to report, and is otherwise disclosable under the MD Public Information Act, MD State Govt. Code Ann. Section 10-611 *et seq* (2009 Repl.Vol.)



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Exec. Director  
For/by direction of  
Michael Fedorczyk, DC  
Board President

#### **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Respondent has a right to appeal this Final Order pursuant to Family Law Article, section 10-119.3(i), which provides:

(i) Appeal; hearing – (1)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an individual may appeal a decision of a licensing authority to suspend or to deny the individual's license in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

9ii) At a hearing under this paragraph, the issue shall be limited to whether the Administration has mistaken the identity of the individual whose license has been suspended or denied.