

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND

HUAZI TAI

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STATE BOARD OF

APPLICANT

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MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

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CASE NUMBER: 25-12M

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**ORDER OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR MASSAGE THERAPY
REGISTRATION**

On JULY 23, 2025 the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners (the “Board”) notified Huazi Tai (the “Applicant”), of the Board’s intent to deny her Application for Registration in Massage Therapy under the Maryland Massage Therapy Practice Act (the “Act”) codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 6-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.). The pertinent provisions of the Act provide the following:

§ 6-302. License and registration qualifications

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- (b) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who:
 - (1) Is of good moral character[.]

....

- (c) On or before September 30, 2024, to qualify to be registered, an applicant shall be an individual who:
 - (1) Is of good moral character[.]

§ 6-308. License or registration denial, suspension, or revocation

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of §6-309 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license or registration to an applicant, reprimand a licensee or registration holder, place any licensee or registration holder on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of a licensee or the registration of a registration holder if the applicant, licensee, or registration holder:

(1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license or registration for the applicant or for another;

....

(3) Is disciplined by a licensing, certifying, or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section;

(4) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;

....

(11) Has violated any provision of this title;

....

(20) Engages in conduct that violates the professional code of ethics;

(21) Knowingly does an act that has been determined by the Board to be a violation of the Board's regulations[.]

Pursuant to Health Occ. § 6-308(21), the pertinent provisions of the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”), provide the following:

COMAR 10.65.01.06 Application for Licensure or Registration.

- A. An applicant for a license to practice massage therapy shall:
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- (5) Provide evidence that the applicant is:
- (a) Of good moral character[.]
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- B. On or before September 30, 2024, to be a registered massage practitioner, an applicant shall:
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- (5) Provide evidence that the applicant is:
- (a) Of good moral character[.]

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. On or about June 17, 2024, the Board received an Application for Registration in Massage Therapy (the “Application”) from the Applicant.

2. On her Application, the Applicant answered “No” to question number 2 under the Background, Character & Fitness Questions section, which asks:

Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, taken actions against your license, registration, or certificate? Such actions include, but are not limited to, limitations of practice require education, admonishment or reprimand, suspension, probation or revocation.

3. On her Application, the Applicant answered “Yes” to question number 5 under the Background, Character & Fitness Questions section, which asks:

Have you ever pled guilty, *nolo contendere*, or been convicted or, received probation before judgment for any criminal act (felony or misdemeanor), including DWI or DUI, in any state or jurisdiction?

Information pertaining to the Applicant's criminal history

4. On or about May 19, 2016, the Applicant was arrested and charged with engaging in prostitution in Duval County, Florida.

5. On or about October 24, 2016, the Applicant pleaded *nolo contendere* to a lesser charge of breach of peace, with adjudication withheld, in the Circuit Court for Duval County, Florida. The Applicant was ordered to pay a fine and court costs in the amount of \$302.

Information pertaining to the Applicant's licensing and/or disciplinary history

6. On or about February 21, 2020, the State of Florida Board of Massage Therapy (the "Florida Board") revoked the Applicant's license. The revocation of the Applicant's license was based on her criminal involvement in sexual activity in 2016 that led to her being arrest and charge of prostitution, her plea of *nolo contender* relating to the prostitution charges, *and* her failure to inform the Florida Board that she had pleaded *nolo contendere* in 2016.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Applicant's conduct described as above constitutes a violation of the Health Occ. § 6-302 (b) (1) and/or (c)(1); § 6-308 (a) (1), (3), (4), (11), (20), and/or (21) of the Act; and COMAR 10.65.01.06A (5)(a) and/or B(5)(a) and is a basis on which to deny the Applicant's Application to practice massage therapy.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, a majority of a quorum of the Board hereby:

ORDERED that the Applicant's Application for Registration in Massage Therapy in the State of Maryland is **DENIED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of this Order is the date that it is signed by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is reportable to the National Practitioner Bank; and it further

ORDERED that this document constitutes a formal disciplinary action of the Board, and this Order is final and is a public document for purposes of public disclosure, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-333 (2019 Repl. Vol and 2024 Supp.).

09/24/2025
Date

Sharon Oliver
Sharon J. Oliver, MBA
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of
Massage Therapy Examiners

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with § 6-310 the Act and Md. Code Ann., State Government §§ 10-201, *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol and 2024 Supp.) you have a right to a direct judicial appeal of this decision. A petition for appeal of the Final Board Order shall be filed within thirty days from your receipt of this Final Order and shall be made in accordance with the aforementioned authority.