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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION OF MICHAEL N. PEZZUTO TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	Administrative Action CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("Board") upon review of Michael N. Pezzuto's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork

therapist. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had indicated "N" for "no" in response to the questions relating to arrests and convictions on the application, he had been arrested on August 15, 2010 for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. The charges were dismissed on November 4, 2010. The applicant claimed that he did not disclose the arrest on his application because he believed that his history would not be held against him.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that by failing to disclose the arrest on the application in response to the questions about arrests and/or convictions he was providing inaccurate information, and that he therefore engaged in misrepresentation on his application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 15th DAY OF November, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A $100.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment

shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and demonstration of satisfaction of all requirements for licensure, if he has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: Deborah Overholt
Deborah Overholt
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
Within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.

Michael N. Pezzuto

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