



*State of Louisiana*  
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***Louisiana Physical Therapy Board***  
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December 20, 2013

Chet Sternfels, PT  
318 Hale Drive  
Thibodaux, LA 70301

RE: In the matter of Chet Sternfels, P.T  
License 04181  
Administrative Case No. 2013 - 09

Dear Mr. Sternfels,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Consent Order rendered in the above referenced matter. The grounds for the administrative proceeding conducted against you were based upon a technical violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana and the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board. As set forth in the Consent Order, you were charged with failure to timely renew your license by the April 30<sup>th</sup> renewal period and practicing physical therapy without a license for a short period from May 1, 2013 until May 3, 2013.

The Consent Order entered into by the Board and you involved the payment of a lump sum agreed upon fine and the payment of administrative costs in this matter. As set forth in the Consent Order, there are no restrictions on your practice of physical therapy. To the best of my knowledge, you have complied with all the requests of the Board and have done so openly and in good faith.

In conclusion, your skills and provision of services as a physical therapist were never questioned in an administrative proceeding, and to the best of my knowledge, not an area of concern by the Board.

Should you have any questions about this letter or the Consent Order rendered by the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Gaudin".

Cheryl Gaudin  
Executive Director

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CASE NUMBER: 2013 - 09

DATE: August 16, 2013

RE: Informal Consent Order Regarding Late License Renewal

Licensee Chet Sternfels, License No. 04181, (referred to herein as Applicant) acknowledges that he failed to timely complete and submit application for renewal of his Physical Therapy license for the renewal period beginning May 1, 2013. License renewals are required by law and Board Rules to be made "by March 31 but no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>". Pursuant to La. 37:R.S. 2417 B a license not renewed in accordance with the rules of the Board shall automatically expire "at the end of its term" after which the licensee shall not practice in Louisiana. Applicant acknowledges that he has practiced physical therapy in Louisiana from May 1, 2013 through May 3, 2013 without a valid license in violation of La. R.S. 37:2417 B. These facts and provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act and Board Rules provide a basis and authority for this Consent Order.

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

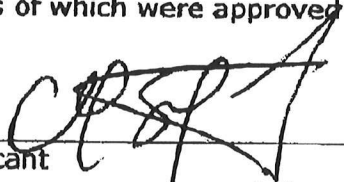
A. Applicant will pay to the Board, in addition to regular renewal and reinstatement fees, the sum of \$250 as reimbursement for the administrative and legal time and expenses involved in late renewal of his license. Payment by cashier's check or credit card will be made by August 30, 2013. Any additional time for making this payment requires written approval by the Board.

B. Applicant shall provide documentation with this agreement from his employer(s) which reflects that all charges to patient accounts have been reversed for all treatments provided by applicant during the period when he was not licensed.

C. Applicant voluntarily gives his consent to this Informal Consent Order, the terms of which were approved by the Board at its June 19, 2013 meeting.

Applicant

Date:

  
 5/1/13

Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director  
 On behalf of the Board

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