



## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

### AMENDED PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, by Proclamation dated March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, issued by Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, a state of emergency was declared pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section §33-15-11, in order to address the high risk for an outbreak of the novel coronavirus, identified as COVID-19, in the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, by Executive Order No. 1470 dated April 10, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves indicated that despite social distancing measures and shelter in place order, a surge of COVID-19 cases has been projected over the next 3 – 5 weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC identifies the continued public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “very high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proclamation invoked the emergency powers of the Governor pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section §33-15-11(c)(1) to temporarily suspend or modify any rule or regulation of a state agency which would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020 the Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy, as an agency of the State of Mississippi, complied with the Governor’s proclamation and modified rules governing the renewal of licenses as well as allowed of online classes to cope with the emergency. [See Proclamation dated March 19, 2020 posted on the Board website]

**NOW THEREFORE**, in order to continue to comply with the Governor’s Proclamation to temporarily suspend or modify rules and regulations due to this state of emergency, the Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy on April 16, 2020 **voted and further modified rules** to allow:

1. 100% cognitive CPR/First Aid for the current renewal period ending August 27, 2020 [Rule 1.4.Z];

2. Payments for fines for violations previously levied **to be** delayed for the period March 14, 2020 until the Governor lifts the declared state of emergency [Rule 2.2.C and Rule 6.1.F.2.d].

**FURTHER**, except as specifically stated herein, all other regulations remain in full force and effect.

**SO ORDERED AND APPROVED** by the Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy, this the 16th day of April 2020.

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BY: Renee Walker

Renee Walker, Vice-Chairman