

**POLICY**  
**TENNESSEE MASSAGE LICENSURE BOARD**

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION VIOLATIONS**

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A massage therapist licensed in Tennessee must obtain twenty-five (25) hours of continuing education every two (2) years. If a licensed massage therapist should violate the law by failing to obtain the required continuing education hours, in an effort to avoid the matter being forwarded to the Department's Office of General Counsel for full prosecution and the possibility of more severe discipline, the therapist, if he or she is a first time offender, shall be offered the following:

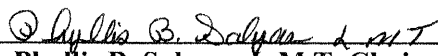
1. The licensee shall, within thirty (30) days of being notified of the assessment, pay:
  - a) a one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150.00) civil penalty; AND
  - b) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour, or portion thereof, the licensee is deficient; and
2. The licensee shall obtain the number of continuing education hours that he or she was deficient and an additional six (6) penalty hours of continuing education before the end of the next two (2) year period in addition to the twenty-five (25) hours required for that period.

If the therapist fails to accept this offer or fails to comply with its terms the matter shall be referred to the Department's Office of General Counsel for full prosecution. Likewise, if the massage therapist is found deficient in any subsequent biennial continuing education period he or she shall be referred to the Department's Office of General Counsel for full prosecution rather than be offered the benefit of this policy.

Assessment of a civil penalty and/or requiring the completion of additional continuing education hours for failure to obtain the required number of hours is discipline that is reportable on the monthly disciplinary report.

Adopted by the Tennessee Massage Licensure Board on the 9th day of February, 2009.

**Revised by the Tennessee Massage Licensure Board on  
this the 17th day of May, 2010.**

  
**Phyllis B. Salyers, L.M.T. Chairperson**  
**Tennessee Massage Licensure Board**