



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**CEMT RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 002**

**EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM AS PER  
CEMT RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 001**

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of Examiners for Massage Therapy (CEMT) is mandated to regulate the practice of massage therapy in accordance to the provisions of the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (PD 856) and Executive Order No. 102 s.1999; hence, ensure that only qualified individuals enter the regulated profession and that the care and services which the massage therapists provide are within the standard of practice;

**WHEREAS**, the approved Administrative Order No. 2010-0034 dated December 10, 2010 entitled "Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing Massage Clinics and Sauna Establishments", provides that no person is authorized to practice massage as a profession in the Philippines without holding a valid certificate of registration issued by the Committee and approved by the Secretary of Health in full implementation starting January 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee passed the CEMT Resolution 2008 - 001 entitled "Moratorium on the Renewal of Licenses of Massage Therapists for the last Five (5) years and Over", allowing the renewal of licenses of the Licensed Massage Therapists (LMTs) who have failed to re-validate the certificate of registration for at least five (5) years, in so far only as the **Licensed Massage Therapists** are concerned and only for a period from **January to December 2008**;

**WHEREAS**, majority of stakeholders and practitioners appeal for an extension of the moratorium especially those from the far flung areas;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee deemed it necessary to extend the CEMT Resolution No. 2008-001 in so far as the licensed massage therapists are concerned and only for a period from **January to December 2012**;


**WHEREAS**, the CEMT would like to intensify the dissemination of said information nationwide to enable more LMTs to avail of the opportunity and at the same time, have an updated and more accurate DOH-CEMT data base;

**WHEREFORE**, the CEMT resolved as it hereby resolves to extend the moratorium on the renewal of licenses of those Licensed Massage Therapists who have not renewed for the past five (5) years and over from **January to December 2012**.

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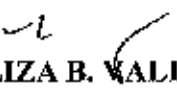
This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.

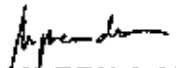
  
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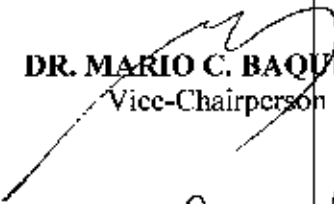
  
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