



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

In the Matter of

DERRICK JACKSON  
Unlicensed,  
Respondent.

File No. 68-24-002509

NOTICE AND ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, pursuant to authority under the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101, *et seq.*, orders Respondent to cease and desist from the practice of social work, in violation of the Public Health Code.

MCL 333.16233 authorizes the Department to issue cease and desist orders as follows:

- (2) The department may order an individual to cease and desist from a violation of this article, article 7, or article 8 or a rule promulgated under this article, article 7, or article 8.
- (3) An individual ordered to cease and desist under subsection (2) is entitled to a hearing before a hearing examiner if the individual files a written request for a hearing within 30 days after the effective date of the cease and desist order. The department shall subsequently present the notice, if any, of the individual's failure to respond to a complaint, or attend or be represented at a hearing as described in MCL 333.16231 and MCL 333.16231a, or the recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law to the appropriate disciplinary subcommittee to determine whether the order is to remain in effect or be dissolved.

MCL 333.16294 provides that an individual who practices or holds himself or herself out as practicing a health profession regulated by Article 15 of the Code without a license or registration is guilty of a felony.

MCL 333.18503(2) provides that an individual shall not use the titles "licensed bachelor's social worker," "social worker," "l.b.s.w.," "licensed master's social worker," or "l.m.s.w.," unless that individual is licensed under Article 15 of the Public Health Code.

MCL 333.18504 provides that an individual shall not engage in the practice of social work at the bachelor's or master's level without a license.

On May 14, 2024, the Department received information that Respondent was engaged in the practice of social work without a license in the state of Michigan. Specifically, Respondent has repeatedly held themselves out as a social worker and has stated that Respondent is a social worker in various documents available to the public, on social media, during interviews, while engaging in a political campaign, and during public appearances in the community without possessing a license to practice social work in the state of Michigan.

Respondent is not licensed to practice social work in the State of Michigan.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from violating the Public Health Code by practicing social work and improperly using the term “social worker” without a license.

RESPONDENT IS ADVISED that violations of the Public Health Code may lead to administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions.

Pursuant to MCL 333.16233(3), Respondent is entitled to a hearing before a hearings examiner if Respondent files a written request for a hearing within 30 days after the effective date of this order. The written request for a hearing shall be submitted by email to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing to [LARA-BPL-RegulationSection@michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-BPL-RegulationSection@michigan.gov). If unable to submit the request by email, Respondent may submit it by regular mail to the **Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909**. Failure to file a timely written request for hearing will waive Respondent's right to a hearing, and this Order shall become final.

This Order shall take effect on the date signed below.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING  
AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Dated: 9/9/2024



Robert Payne, Analyst  
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