

Gou Chen Cheng
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License was issued on October 28, 1976. Mr. Cheng's license was cancelled effective February 1, 2011 for failure to renew within three years of its expiration date (January 31, 2008).

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Re: Petition for License renewal

February 28, 2011

Dear Members of the Board:

My name is Gou Chen Cheng and I am currently practicing Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology in the state of Michoacan, Mexico. Prior to this I had been continually licensed by the state of California between the years of 1976 and 2008. I have recently discovered that my license status is listed as cancelled and I am in emergent need to return to CA. I write to you under extenuating circumstances with a request that I be granted permission to return my license to active status by completing continuing education in lieu of retaking the Board Exam. It was not my intention to allow my license to lapse, however, due to poor mail delivery services here, and the fact that I am not familiar with the use of the internet services, I regrettably did not maintain my CA license.

Most recently, my wife and I were abducted by force after leaving our office. We were violently overcome, forced into our car and taken to our home where our personal belongings were ransacked and stolen. Although we were spared our lives, we have been under continual threat by these men who continue demanding money. Unfortunately, this is happening more frequently and those who have gone to the authorities have not received much help. Some have fared worse for their pleas of help. I fear for the safety of my family and must flee our home here in Mexico. I would depart immediately, but I cannot leave my wife and her two young children here alone. Because of my emergent need to return I've only just discovered the status of my license. I have initiated the necessary paperwork to seek asylum for my family through the US Dept. of Justice, but I am concerned that I will not be able to continue my practice and livelihood upon return to California.

While I have not accrued any CEUs or PDAs while in Mexico, 2004 to present, I did maintain a very busy practice six days a week with a patient load of approximately 25 to 30 patients a day.

More recently, the patient numbers are about 8 to 10 per day. I have renewed my Mexican license annually. Prior to moving to Mexico, I maintained two separate offices in Covina and Costa Mesa, California. I have never had any complaints filed in either California or Mexico and I have always maintained busy, productive practices. It is my hope that the Board will take these extenuating circumstances into account and grant my request for reinstatement of my license by means of continuing education.

I understand that the Board will meet next on May 18, 2011 and I would like to request that my petition be included on the agenda for that meeting.

If you have any further questions regarding my petition, I can be reached at my office telephone number listed above; I am two hours ahead of Pacific Time. My contact in the USA is my niece, Chia Chia Cheng, L.Ac. (OR), 503-885-7600, chiachia1@mac.com.

I thank you in advance for the prompt attention given to my petition and request.

Sincerely,

Gou Chen Cheng, OMD

Enclosures: copies of his Mexican license to practice acupuncture, utility bills
(to be included with the signed copy of this letter, mailed by my uncle)

CC: Janelle Wedge