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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPISTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the practice of  
2 massage therapy in the State affects public health and safety.  
3 As a matter of public interest and concern, massage therapist  
4 licensees should regularly maintain their knowledge and  
5 education and receive basic first aid and emergency-related  
6 training through mandatory continuing education requirements.

7           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require massage  
8 therapist licensees, beginning with the renewal for the  
9 licensing biennium commencing on July 1, 2024, and every  
10 biennial renewal thereafter, to complete twelve hours of  
11 continuing education within the two-year period preceding the  
12 renewal date, of which two hours shall include first aid,  
13 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or other emergency-related  
14 course.

15           SECTION 2. Section 452-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17           "§452-16 Renewal of license; fees [-]; continuing  
18 education. (a) Massage therapist and massage therapy



1 establishment licenses shall expire on June 30 of each even-  
2 numbered year following the date of issuance unless renewed for  
3 the next biennium. These licenses may be renewed by filing an  
4 application therefor, accompanied by a renewal fee[-] and  
5 submitting proof of compliance with the continuing education  
6 requirements established by subsection (b). The application  
7 shall be made between May 1 and June 30 of each even-numbered  
8 year. Failure to apply for renewal as provided in this section  
9 shall constitute a forfeiture of the license as of the date of  
10 expiration. Any license so forfeited may be restored within one  
11 year after expiration upon the filing of an application in the  
12 same manner, submitting proof of compliance with the continuing  
13 education requirements established by subsection (b), and  
14 payment of a penalty fee in addition to all delinquent fees.  
15 Thereafter, the person shall apply as a new applicant and the  
16 board may require the person to take and pass the examination  
17 and satisfy all requirements for the examination, including  
18 training, if the board is not satisfied that the person  
19 possesses current knowledge and skills for the practice of  
20 massage therapy.



1       (b) Beginning with the renewal for the licensing biennium  
2 commencing on July 1, 2024, and every biennial renewal  
3 thereafter, each massage therapist licensee shall submit proof  
4 of having completed twelve hours of continuing education within  
5 the two-year period preceding the renewal date, of which two  
6 hours shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or  
7 other emergency-related courses. The board shall adopt rules  
8 relating to the requirements and standards that continuing  
9 education programs shall meet to obtain recognition and approval  
10 from the board.

11       (c) The board may conduct random audits of licensees to  
12 determine compliance with the continuing education requirements  
13 of subsection (b). The board shall provide written notice of an  
14 audit to a licensee randomly selected for audit. Within sixty  
15 days of notification, the licensee shall provide the board with  
16 documentation verifying compliance with the continuing education  
17 requirements established by subsection (b)."

18       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Massage Therapists; Licenses; Renewals; Continuing Education

**Description:**

Beginning 7/1/2024, requires massage therapy licensees to complete twelve hours of continuing education within the two-year period preceding the renewal date, of which two hours shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or other emergency related courses. (CD1)

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