
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 452, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§452- Exemption from licensure. A person shall be exempt from licensure under this chapter if the person:

(1) Engages in the manipulation of the soft tissues of only the hands, feet, or outer ears, including the practice of reflexology and foot zone therapy;

(2) Performs the services described under paragraph (1) for clients who remain fully clothed from the shoulders to the knees;

(3) Is certified by, and in good standing with, an industry-recognized organization that represents practitioners who perform the services described under paragraph (1) with established standards and ethics;
and



(4) Does not otherwise provide massage therapy for
clients, whether or not for compensation."

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Massage Therapy; Licensure; Exemptions

Description:

Exempts individuals specializing in only foot, hand, and outer ear manipulation from licensure as a massage therapist.

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