



GOV. MSG. NO. 1204

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 25, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB599 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPISTS
ACT 102 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 25 2021

THE SENATE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 102
S.B. NO. 599
S.D. 1
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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.

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APPROVED this 25 day of JUN, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David I. Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 599, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives