
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) 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;

(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.



1 (b) Establishments that offer only the services as
2 described in subsection (a) shall be exempt from licensure as
3 provided in section 452-3.

4 (c) Any person exempt from licensure as provided by this
5 section shall be exempt from the advertising regulations
6 established pursuant to section 452-23."

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

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Massage Therapy; Licensure; Exemptions

Description:

Exempts individuals and establishments that offer only foot, hand, and outer ear manipulation from massage therapy licensure requirements and related advertising restrictions.

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