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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY.

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

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

4 "§452- Exemption from licensure. (a) A person shall  
5 be exempt from licensure under this chapter if the person:  
6 (1) Engages in the manipulation of the soft tissues of  
7 only the hands, feet, or outer ears, including the  
8 practice of reflexology and foot zone therapy;  
9 (2) Performs the services described under paragraph (1)  
10 for clients who remain fully clothed;  
11 (3) Is certified by, and in good standing with, an  
12 industry-recognized organization that represents  
13 practitioners who perform the services described under  
14 paragraph (1) with established standards and ethics;  
15 and  
16 (4) Does not otherwise provide massage therapy for  
17 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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INTRODUCED BY:

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# H.B. NO. 1862

**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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