

**COMMENTS OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, AMERICAN MASSAGE
THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

**Before the
HOUSE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE**

**Public Hearing on HB 2499
11:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building**

**Nancy M. Porambo, President, PA Chapter, AMTA
Retta Flagg, Immediate Past President, PA Chapter, AMTA**

June 2, 2008

Good morning, Honorable Chairman Sturla, and honorable members of the Committee. My name is Nancy Porambo. I am the current President of the PA Chapter, American Massage Therapy Association. I have been in private practice for 18 years as a neuromuscular massage therapist/psychotherapist. I also have Master's Degree in Clinical Health Psychology.

With me today is Retta Flagg, Immediate Past-President of the PA Chapter, American Massage Therapy Association. Retta is also a neuromuscular massage therapist and has been in practice for 22 years. Additionally, we have both been active in the pursuit of licensure through the efforts of the PA Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) for the past 16 years.

As you may know, this is the third public hearing for massage therapy legislation we have attended. In this testimony, we want to provide you with information pertaining to the need for the regulation of massage. As illustrated by the map I have provided, there are only 12 states that do not regulate Massage Therapy. That number is expected to change to 11 with the addition of Colorado in the coming weeks. Please note, that Pennsylvania is surrounded by licensed states who regulate massage. For this reason, Pennsylvania has been the target for illicit and illegal massage activity. The Pocono, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas have been inundated with businesses that claim to provide massage therapy but are, in fact, massage parlors.

The goal of licensure was to create language that establishes a reasonable scope of practice for massage therapists and sets educational guidelines. The overriding principles have been twofold; the first is to protect the professional integrity that the overwhelming majority of massage therapists have worked diligently to secure; and the second is to protect the public from unqualified therapists and errant practitioners that mask illicit activity under the guise of massage therapy.

In the past two years, there has been ongoing dialogue with the physical therapists as well as the need for numerous legal consultations regarding the intentions and scope of this legislation. We have come to an agreement on language that will allow established massage therapists and new graduates alike to practice massage therapy in Pennsylvania.

The agreement was the result of lengthy negotiations with many stakeholders. We felt it was important to create a scope that did not infringe on other professions and was designed to allow massage therapists to utilize the skills, techniques and knowledge provided in their massage therapy training.

It became evident that in these negotiations, further discussion was necessary regarding the term "mobilization". It is used by both the physical therapy and chiropractic professions and has a legal definition. The term mobilization as defined in Act 27 in 2002 is defined as "a group of techniques comprising a continuum of skilled passive movement to the joints and/or related soft tissues throughout the normal physiological range of motion that are applied at varying speeds and amplitudes without limitation." Joint mobilization, as it is defined legally is beyond our scope of practice. It is for this

reason that the word “movement” was added to our scope of practice so massage therapists would not be restricted from providing movement as part of their massage technique.

Since many massage therapists work within the health care community in Pennsylvania, there was considerable concern and discussion centered on the term “impairment” as it is listed in the restriction section of the bill. The definition of massage therapy includes: “treatment of soft tissue manifestations of the human body in which the primary intent is to enhance health and well-being of the human body without limitation”. In the restriction portion, the language reads: “The term does not include the diagnosis or treatment of impairment, illness, disease or disability.” Massage therapists do not diagnose and we believe the definition of massage allows us to treat soft tissue manifestations and not to directly treat the impairment, illness, disease or disability.

I would like to address several other areas that have been brought to our attention regarding the language in the bill:

- In the definition of massage therapy, the word “the” had been omitted before the words health and well-being. “The” has been reinstated to read “the health and well-being of the client without limitation”. The addition of the word “the” was in the initial agreed upon language with the physical therapists.
- In Section 4 (c), the current make-up of the new Massage Therapy Board of Directors has been structured to include individuals who have been in active, continuous practice for five (5) years or more. Since the AMTA maintains a high level of standards, the new PA Massage Therapy Board of Directors deserves to have massage therapists occupying seats on this board that have long-term practices and have the experience necessary to make decisions on behalf of the massage therapists in the state. We are not in favor of making changes to allow for an individual with less than (5) years of practice to occupy a board seat.
- We would like to suggest that an amendment to this language be made to state: **“has passed a massage therapy competency assessment examination that meets generally recognized psychometric principles and standards, and that has been approved by the Board.”**
- In Section 4, language needs to be inserted that limits the number of school owners sitting on the board to no more than one (1) and shall represent (1) of the required (5) professional members to occupy the board seats.

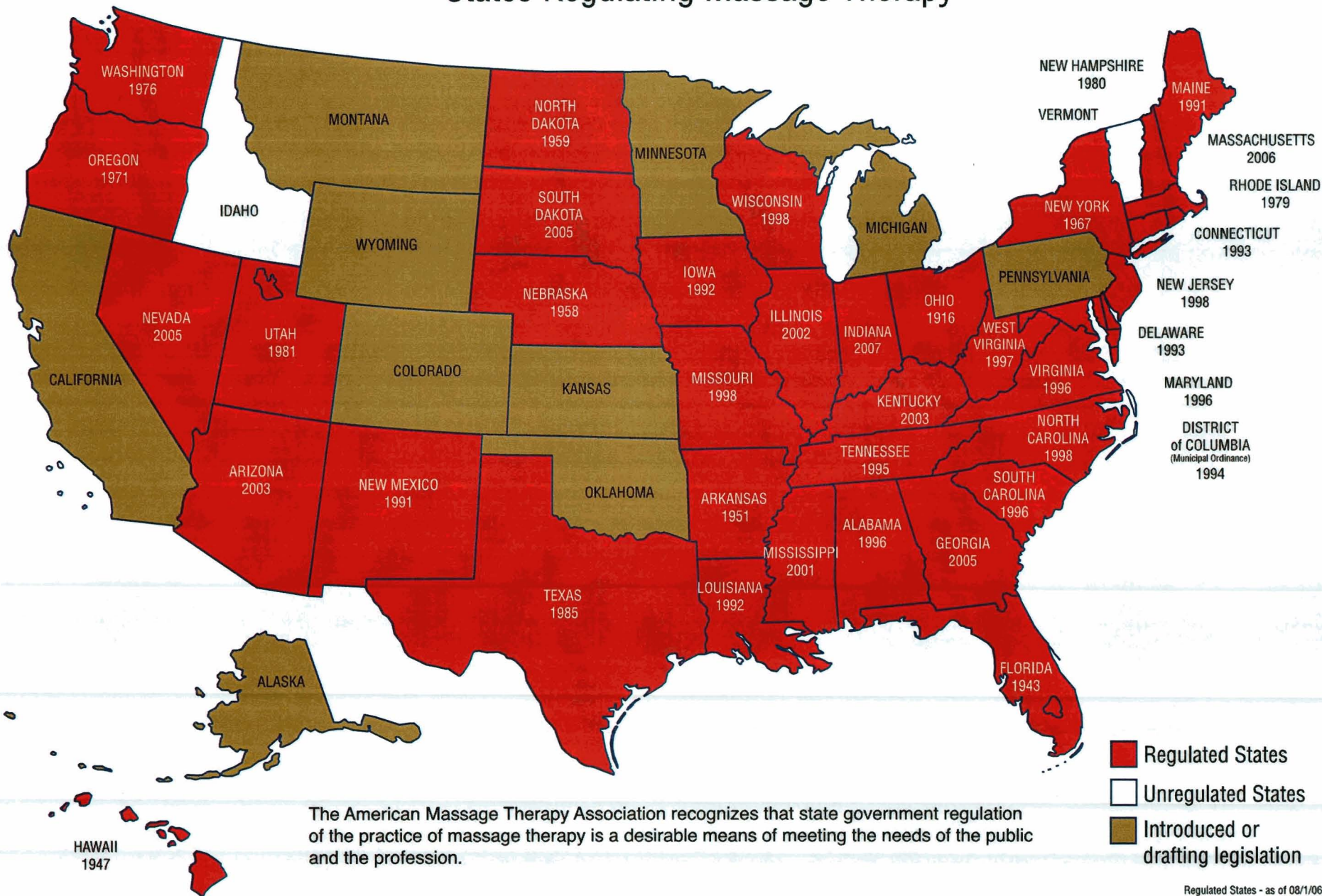
Honorable Rep. Sturla and Honorable members of the Committee, our members have been waiting a long, long time for licensure - 16 years in fact!

We believe it is time for Pennsylvania to join the ranks of other licensed states and protect the public from unlicensed and unscrupulous individuals, set educational

guidelines and be legitimately recognized by the general public. We sincerely thank you for allowing us to present our testimony to you and greatly appreciate your consideration.

Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT (GA), NCTMB

States Regulating Massage Therapy



The American Massage Therapy Association recognizes that state government regulation of the practice of massage therapy is a desirable means of meeting the needs of the public and the profession.

- Regulated States
- Unregulated States
- Introduced or drafting legislation

STATE BOARDS ADMINISTERING MASSAGE PRACTICE LAWS

Regulatory Board	Education Requirements	Fees	Reciprocity	CEU Requirements	Exam
<p>Alabama Massage Therapy Board Keith E. Warren, Executive Director 610 S. McDonough St. Montgomery, AL 36104 Ph: (334) 269-9990 Fax: (334) 263-6115 Email: ALMTBD@aol.com Web: www.almtbd.state.al.us</p>	<p>650 hours from board approved massage therapy school</p> <p>Grandfathering expired June 1, 1998</p>	<p>Application: \$25.00 Licensing: \$100.00 Renewal: \$100.00 Exam: \$160.00</p>	<p>Case by case basis</p>	<p>16 hours biennially</p>	<p>NCETMB</p>
<p>Arizona Board of Massage Therapy 1400 West Washington, Suite 230 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Phone: (602) 542-8604 Fax: (602) 542-3093 Email: info@massageboard.state.az.us Web: http://www.massageboard.az.gov/</p>	<p>500 hours from Board recognized school <i>Effective 1/1/08</i> 700 hours from a Board recognized Massage Therapy School</p> <p>Grandfathering expired December 31, 2005</p>	<p>Application & License: \$165.00 Fingerprint: \$24.00 Duplicate license: \$40.00 Renewal: \$75.00</p>	<p>State by state basis</p>	<p>25 hours biennially</p>	<p>NCETMB</p>
<p>Arkansas State Board of Massage Therapy PO Box 20739 Hot Springs, AR 71903 Ph: (501) 520-0555 Fax: (501) 623-4130 Email: info@arkansasmassagetherapy.com Web: www.arkansasmassagetherapy.com</p>	<p>500 hours from a board accepted massage therapy school</p> <p>Grandfathering expired July 1, 1999</p>	<p>License: \$130.00 MBLEx: \$195.00 Annual Renewal: \$30.00 (LMT) \$40.00 (Master) \$45.00 (Instructor)</p>	<p>On a state by state basis</p>	<p>6 hours annually</p>	<p>MBLEx</p>
<p>Connecticut Massage Therapy Licensure Department of Public Health & Addiction Services 150 Washington Street Hartford, CT 06106 Ph: (860) 509-7603 Web: http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3121&q=389348</p>	<p>500 hours – COMTA approved school</p>	<p>Application: \$300.00 Renewal: \$200.00</p>	<p>Case by case</p>	<p>24 hours every 4 years</p>	<p>NCETMB</p>
<p>Delaware Board of Massage and Bodywork Cannon Building, #203 861 Silver Lake Blvd. #203 Dover, DE 19904 Ph: (302) 744-4537 Fax: (302) 739-2711 E-mail: Ashley.stewart@state.de.us Web: www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/massagebodyworks/</p>	<p>500 hrs, exam – License for Massage Therapist</p> <p>300 hrs – Certified Massage Technician</p> <p>Temporary Permits for MT Technicians (One Year)</p>	<p>Refer to Fee Schedule: http://www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/massagebodyworks/fees.shtml</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>LMT-24 hours biennially</p> <p>CMT-12 hours biennially</p>	<p>NCETMB</p>
<p>District of Columbia Board of Massage Therapy Department of Health 717 14th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20005 Ph: (877) 672-2174 Fax: (202) 727-8471 Web: http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/cwp/view.A.1195.Q.488659.hplaNav.1306611.asp</p>	<p>500 hours from Board approved school</p>	<p>Application: \$85.00 License: \$177.00 Renewal: \$177.00</p>	<p>Case by case</p>	<p>12 hours biennially</p>	<p>NCETMB</p>

Regulatory Board	Education Requirements	Fees	Reciprocity	CEU Requirements	Exam
Florida Board of Massage Therapy Florida Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin #C06 Tallahassee, FL 32399 Ph: (850) 245-4161 Fax: (850) 921-6184 E-mail: MQA_MassageTherapy@doh.state.fl.us Web: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/massage/ma_lic_req.html	500 hours from Board approved school Law enacted 1943	Application: \$205.00 Renewal: \$155.00	Case by case	24 hours biennially	NCETMB
Georgia Board of Massage Therapy 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217-3858 <i>Applications/Payments:</i> P.O. Box 13446 Macon, GA 31208 Phone: 478.207.2440 Fax: 478.207.1663 Web: http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/massage/	500 hours from Board approved school	Application: \$125 Renewal: \$75	State by State Basis	24 hours biennially	NCBMTB, NCBTM
Hawaii State Board of Massage Therapy Dept of Commerce & Consumer Affairs P.O. Box 3469 1010 Richards St. Honolulu, HI 96801 Ph: (808) 587-3222 Web: http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/boards/massage/	570 hours & written state exam Law enacted 1947	Application: \$50.00 License: \$25.00 Renewal: \$25.00	Case by case basis	No	State Exam
Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation Massage Therapy Licensure 320 West Washington Street, 3 rd Floor Springfield, IL 62786 Phone: (217) 782-8556 Fax: (217) 782-7645 http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/who/masst.asp	500 hours Grandfathering expired October 31, 2005	License: \$175.00 Renewal: \$175.00	State by state basis	24 hours biennially	NCETMB or other approved certifying exam
Iowa Board of Massage Therapy Examiners Department of Public Health Lucas State Office Bldg, 5 th Floor 321 E. 12 th St. Des Moines, IA 50319-0075 Ph: (515) 281-6959 Fax: (515) 281-3121 Web: www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure	500 hours from accredited school	Application: \$120.00 Biennial Renewal: \$60.00	Yes	24 hours biennially	NCETMB or MBLEx
Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy P.O. Box 1360 Frankfort, KY 40602 Phone: (502) 564-3296 Fax: (502) 564-4818 Dana Hockensmith, Board Administrator (ext. 240) Email: Dana.Hockensmith@ky.gov Web: http://finance.ky.gov/ourcabinet/caboff/OAS/op/masst/	600 hours Grandfathering expired June 24, 2005	Application & licensure: \$125.00 Biennial Renewal: \$100.00	State by state basis	24 hours Biennially	NCETMB or NCCA approved certifying exam

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Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy 12022 Plank Road Zachary, LA 70811 Ph: (225) 771-4090 Fax: (225) 771-4021 Email: admin@lsbmt.org Web: www.lsbmt.org	500 hours from accredited school	Application: \$75.00 Renewal: \$125.00	State by state basis	12 hours annually	NCETMB, or written and oral exam
Maine Massage Therapy Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing & Registration 35 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 Ph: (207) 624-8613 Fax: (207) 624-8637 Web: http://www.state.me.us/pfr/olr/categories/cat26.htm	500 hours from a state approved school + CPR and First Aid Grandfathering expired December 31, 2001	Application: \$25.00 License: \$25.00 Criminal Record: \$15.00 Renewal: \$25.00	Case by case	No	NCETMB or MBLEx
Maryland Massage Therapy Advisory Committee Board of Chiropractic Examiners 4201 Patterson Ave., 5 th floor Baltimore, MD 21215-2299 Ph: (410) 764-4738 Fax: (410) 358-1879 Web: www.mdmassage.org	500 hrs + 60 college credits and NCE – Certified Massage Therapist (CMT) 500 hrs + NCE – Registered Massage Practitioner (RMP) Grandfathering expired January 1, 2002	Application: \$100.00 State Exam: \$50.00 Certification: \$200.00 Renewal: \$200.00	Yes	24 hours biennially	NCETMB or NCCAOM and State exam
Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy 239 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114 Web: http://www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/mt/index.htm	500 hours Law enacted 2006 650 hours AFTER May 1, 2010	App & License: \$225.00 Annual Renewal: \$150.00	TBD	TBD	TBD
Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy P.O. Box 12489 Jackson, MS 39236-2489 Ph: (601) 856-6127 Fax: (601) 853-0336 Email: director@msbmt.state.ms.us Web: www.msbmt.state.ms.us	700 hours from an accredited school + CPR and First Aid Grandfathering expired June 30, 2002	Initial Application: \$50.00 Biannual Registration: \$192.00	Yes	12 hours from CEU Board approved program + CPR annually	NCETMB
Missouri State Board of Therapeutic Massage Division of Professional Registration 3605 Missouri Blvd. P.O. Box 1335 Jefferson City, MO 65102 Ph: (573) 522-6277 Fax: (573) 751-0735 E-mail: massagether@pr.mo.gov Web: http://pr.mo.gov/massage.asp	500 hours from a Board approved school Grandfathering expired December 31, 2000	Application: \$200.00 Renewal: \$200.00 Fingerprints: \$14.00	Yes	12 hours biennially	NCETMB

Regulatory Board	Education Requirements	Fees	Reciprocity	CEU Requirements	Exam
Nebraska Massage Therapy Board Health and Human Services Regulation & Licensing – Credentialing Division P.O. Box 94986 Lincoln, NE 68509-4986 Ph: (402) 471-2115 Fax: (402) 471-3577 Web: http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/mhcs/mass/massage.htm	1000 hours and practical exam Law Enacted 1958	Fee Schedule: http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/feeschedule.pdf	Yes	24 hours biennially	NCETMB
Nevada Board of Massage Therapy 1755 E. Plumb Lane Suite 252 Reno, NV 89502 Phone (775) 688-1888 Fax (775) 786-4264 Web: http://massagetherapy.nv.gov/	500 hours	Application: \$50.00 License: \$150.00 Background Check: \$100.00 Fingerprint: check with local authorities Renewal: \$150.00 (annual)		12 hours annually	NCEMTB
New Hampshire Office of Program Support, Licensing & Regulative Services Board of Massage Therapy 129 Pleasant Avenue Concord, NH 03301 Ph: (603) 271-4814 Fax: (603) 271-5590 Web: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/LRS/ELIGIBILITY/massage-license.htm	750 hours + CPR Law Enacted 1980	Application: \$125.00 Renewal: \$100.00	Yes	12 hours annually	NCETMB and Practical Exam
New Jersey Board of Nursing Massage, Bodywork & Somatic Therapy Examining Committee 124 Halsey Street Newark, NJ 07102 Phone: (973) 504-6430 Fax: (973) 648-3481 Mr. George Hebert, Acting Exec Dir. Web: http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/nursing.htm	500 hours	Application: \$75.00 Certification: \$120.00 Criminal Background Check: \$78.00	N/A	N/A	NCETMB or diploma from state approved school
New Mexico Massage Therapy Board 2550 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, NM 87505 Ph: (505) 476-4870 Fax: (505) 476-4645 E-mail: massage.board@state.nm.us Web: http://www.rld.state.nm.us/b&c/massage/	650 hours + state exam & NCE Grandfathering expired December 31, 1992	Application: \$75.00 Biennial Renewal: \$125.00	No	16 hours biennially	NCETMB and State exam
New York State Board of Massage Therapy Office of the Professions Division of Professional Licensing Services 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234-1000 Kathleen M. Doyle, Executive Secretary Ph: (518) 474-3817 ext. 150 Fax: (518) 486-2981 E-mail: msthbd@mail.nysed.gov Web: http://www.op.nysed.gov/mtlic.htm	1000 hrs and state exam Law Enacted 1967	Application: \$100.00 Limited Permit: \$35.00	Yes	No	State exam

Regulatory Board	Education Requirements	Fees	Reciprocity	CEU Requirements	Exam
North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy P.O. Box 2539 Raleigh, NC 27602 Ph: (919) 546-0050 Fax: (919) 833-1059 E-mail: admin@bmbt.org Web: www.bmbt.org	500 hours from a Board-approved school + NCE Grandfathering expired November 1, 2000	Application: \$20.00 Licensure: \$150.00 Renewal: \$100.00	Yes	25 hours biennially	NCETMB
North Dakota State Board of Massage P.O. Box 218 Beach, ND 58621 Ph: (701) 872-4895 E-mail: k_wojahn@yahoo.com Web: www.ndboardofmassage.com	750 hours + practical exam & NCE Law Enacted 1959	Application: \$150.00 Renewal (annual): \$100.00	Yes	18 hours annually	State exam, NCETMB
Ohio State Medical Board Massage Licensing Division 77 South High St., 17 th floor Columbus, OH 43266-0315 Ph: (614) 466-3934 Fax: (614) 728-5946 Web: http://www.med.ohio.gov/MTsubwebindex.htm	750 hours and state exam Law Enacted 1916	Application: \$35.00 Exam: \$250.00	Case-by-case	No	State exam
Oregon Board of Massage 748 Hawthorne Ave., N.E. Salem, OR 97301 Patty Glenn, Executive Director Ph: (503) 365-8657 Fax: (503) 385-4465 E-mail: Patty@oregonmassage.org Web: www.oregonmassage.org	500 hours Law Enacted 1971	License: \$100.00 Exam: \$200.00 Renewal: \$100.00	Certain states	25 hours biennially + Current CPR	NCETMB/MBLEx and practical exam
Rhode Island Department of Health Division of Professional Regulation 3 Capitol Hill, Room 104 Providence, RI 02908-5097 Ph: (401) 222-2827 Fax: (401) 222-1272 Web: http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/professions/massage.php	500 hours from a COMTA school Law Enacted 1979	Licensing: \$50.00 Renewal: \$50.00	Endorsement approved	No	NCETMB
South Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy 110 Center View P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29210 Ph: (803) 896-4490 Fax: (803) 896-4484 Eddie Jones, Administrator E-mail: jonese@mail.llr.state.sc.us Web: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/MassageTherapy	500 hours from an accredited school Grandfathering expired June 30, 1999	Application: \$50.00 Licensing: \$100.00 Renewal: \$175.00	Yes	12 hours biennially	NCETMB or MBLEx

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South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy P.O. Box 1062 Sioux Falls, SD 57101 Ph: (605) 271-7103 Fax: (605) 331-2043 Joyce M. Vos, Executive Secretary E-mail: sdmtb.msp@midconetwork.com Web: http://doh.sd.gov/boards/massage/	500 hrs & NCE Grandfathering extended to July 01, 2008	Application Fee: \$100.00 Licensing: \$65 Renewal Fee: \$65.00 (annually)	TBD	8 hours biennially	NCETMB or MBLEx
Tennessee Board of Massage Licensure Cordell Hull Building 1 st floor 227 French Landing, Suite 300 Heritage Place Metro Center Nashville, TN 37243 Ph: (615) 532-3202 ext. 3211 (800) 778-4123 ext. 3211 Fax: (615) 532-5164 Web: www2.state.tn.us/health/Boards/massage	500 hours & NCE Grandfathering expired 2003	License: \$110.00 Criminal Background Check: \$48.00	Yes	25 hours biennially	NCETMB or MBLEx
Texas Department of State Health Services Massage Therapy Licensing Program 1100 West 49 th St. Austin, TX 78756-3138 Ph: (512) 834-6616 Fax: (512) 834-6677 E-mail: message@dshs.state.tx.us Web: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/massage/default.shtm	500 hours + exam Law amended 2007	Application: \$117.00 Written Exam: \$87.00 Practical Exam: \$100.00 Renewal: \$106.00	Case by case	12 hours biennially	NCETM, NCETMB, or MBLEx
Utah Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing Board of Massage Therapy 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84145 Ph: (801) 530-6628 Fax: (801) 530-6511 Web: http://www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/massage.html	600 hours from Board approved school + NCE Law Enacted 1981	Application: \$60.00 BCI Fingerprint: \$15.00 FBI Fingerprint: \$20.00 Renewal: \$52.00	Yes	No	NCETMB and Utah Massage Law and Rule Examination
Virginia Board of Nursing Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300 Richmond, Virginia 23233 P 804.367.4403 F 804.527.4466 E-mail: nursebd@dhpvirginia.gov Web: http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Nursing/nursing_forms.htm#Massage%20Therapist	500 hours from a Board approved school Grandfathering expired July 1, 1997	Application and Certification (biennial): \$105.00 Renewal: \$70.00	Yes	25 hours biennially	NCETMB
Washington State Department of Health Massage Therapy Program P.O. Box 47867 Olympia, WA 98504-7868 Ph: (360) 236-4700 Fax: (360) 236-4818 Email: hpqa.csc@doh.wa.gov Web: www.doh.wa.gov/massage/default.htm	500 hours Law Enacted 1976	License: \$50.00 Certificate: \$10.00 Renewal (annual): \$25.00	Yes	16 hours biennially	NCETMB or MBLEx

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State of West Virginia Massage Therapy Licensure Board 200 Davis St. #1 Princeton, WV 24740 Ph: (304) 487-1400 Fax: (304) 487-1460 E-mail: ms325c@wvdhhr.org Web: www.wvmassage.org	500 hours or NCBTMB certification	Initial Application: \$25.00 Biennial License: \$200.00 Renewal (biennial): \$100.00	Yes	24 hours biennially	NCETMB
Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing Massage Therapy Board 1400 E. Washington Ave. Madison, WI 53703 Ph: (608) 266-2112 Fax: (608) 261-7083 Web: http://drl.wi.gov/prof/mass/def.htm	600 hours + exam	Exam: \$57.00 Certification: \$53.00 Renewal: \$53.00	Yes	No	State exam and NCETMB

“Massage” and “Massage Therapist” Definitions as used in state regulations

Updated: March 18, 2008

State	Massage Definition	Massage Therapist Definition
AL	<p>THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE AND RELATED TOUCH THERAPY MODALITIES. The mobilization of the soft tissue which may include skin, fascia, tendons, ligaments, and muscles, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining good physical condition. The term shall include effleurage, petrissage, tapotement, compression, vibration, stretching, heliotherapy, superficial hot and cold applications, topical applications, or other therapy which involves movement either by hand, forearm, elbow, or foot, for the purpose of therapeutic massage. Massage therapy may include the external application and use of herbal or chemical preparations and lubricants such as salts, powders, liquids, nonprescription creams, mechanical devices such as T-bars, thumpers, body support systems, heat lamps, hot and cold packs, salt glow, steam cabinet baths or hydrotherapy. The term includes any massage, movement therapy, massage technology, myotherapy, massotherapy, oriental massage techniques, structural integration, or polarity therapy. The term shall not include laser therapy, microwave, injection therapy, manipulation of the joints, or any diagnosis or treatment of an illness that normally involves the practice of medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, podiatry, nursing, occupational therapy, veterinary, acupuncture, osteopathy, orthopedics, hypnosis, or naturopathics.</p>	<p>MASSAGE THERAPIST. A person licensed pursuant to this chapter who practices or administers massage therapy or touch therapy modalities to a patron for compensation.</p>
AR	<p>“Massage therapy” means to engage in the practice of any of the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) All massage therapy techniques and procedures, either hands-on or with mechanical devices; (B) Therapeutic application of all oils, lotions, and powders; (C) Therapeutic application of hot or cold packs; (D) Hydrotherapy techniques; (E) Heliotherapy; (F) Electrotherapy; and (G) Any hands-on bodywork techniques and procedures rising to the level of the techniques and procedures intended to be regulated under this chapter and not covered under specific licensing laws of other boards; 	<p>“Massage therapist” means a person who has earned a diploma from a board-accepted school of massage therapy, who has passed an examination required by the board, and who has become licensed and registered to practice massage therapy as defined in subdivision (4) of this section.</p> <p>“Master massage therapist” means a person who: (i) Is a licensed and registered massage therapist who has completed no fewer than two hundred fifty (250) hours of practical experience as a massage therapist, which may be gained in part or in whole as an assistant to an instructor in a massage school; (ii) In addition to that experience, has completed no fewer than one hundred twenty-five (125) continuing education hours as approved by the board; and (iii) Is determined by the board to be qualified to be licensed and registered to practice massage therapy as defined in subdivision (4) of this section.</p> <p>(B) Master massage therapists may: (i) Instruct board-approved continuing education programs; (ii) Instruct any of the procedures in subdivision (4) of this section; and (iii) Instruct, as directed by a massage therapy instructor, basic curricula in a board-registered massage therapy school as required by § 17-86-306(e).</p>
AZ	<p>"Massage therapy" means the following that are undertaken to increase wellness,</p>	<p>"Massage therapist" means a</p>

	<p>relaxation, stress reduction, pain relief and postural improvement or provide general or specific therapeutic benefits:</p> <p>(a) The manual application of compression, stretch, vibration or mobilization of the organs and tissues beneath the dermis, including the components of the musculoskeletal system, peripheral vessels of the circulatory system and fascia, when applied primarily to parts of the body other than the hands, feet and head.</p> <p>(b) The manual application of compression, stretch, vibration or mobilization using the forearms, elbows, knees or feet or handheld mechanical or electrical devices.</p> <p>(c) Any combination of range of motion, directed, assisted or passive movements of the joints.</p> <p>(d) Hydrotherapy, including the therapeutic applications of water, heat, cold, wraps, essential oils, skin brushing, salt glows and similar applications of products to the skin.</p>	<p>person who is licensed under this chapter to engage in the practice of massage therapy.</p>
CT	<p>"Massage therapy" means the systematic and scientific manipulation and treatment of the soft tissues of the body, by use of pressure, friction, stroking, percussion, kneading, vibration by manual or mechanical means, range of motion and nonspecific stretching. Massage therapy may include the use of oil, ice, hot and cold packs, tub, shower, steam, dry heat, or cabinet baths, for the purpose of, but not limited to, maintaining good health and establishing and maintaining good physical and mental condition.</p> <p>Massage therapy does not encompass diagnosis, the prescribing of drugs or medicines, spinal or other joint manipulations, nor any service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, natureopathy, physical therapy, or podiatry is required by law.</p>	<p>"Massage therapist" means a person who has been licensed to practice massage therapy under the provisions of sections 20-206a to 20-206f, inclusive.</p>
DC	<p>Massage techniques - any touching or pressure with the intent of providing healing or therapeutic benefits through soft tissue manipulation. Massage techniques include, but are not limited to, Rolfing, Neuromuscular Therapy, Shiatsu or acupressure, Trigger Point massage, Trager, Tui na, Reflexology, Thai Massage, deep tissue massage, Myofascial Release, Lymphatic Drainage, Craniosacral, Polarity, Reiki, Swedish Massage, and Therapeutic Touch. Massage techniques may be performed in any postural position including seated massage and techniques performed on clothed clients.</p> <p>Therapeutic - having a positive affect on the health and well-being of the client.</p>	<p>Massage therapist - a person licensed to practice massage therapy under the Act.</p>
DE	<p>"Practice of massage and bodywork" shall mean a system of structured touch applied to the superficial or deep tissue, muscle, or connective tissue, by applying pressure with manual means. Such application may include, but is not limited to, friction, gliding, rocking, tapping, kneading, or nonspecific stretching, whether or not aided by massage oils or the application of hot and cold treatments. The practice of massage and bodywork is designed to promote general relaxation, enhance circulation, improve joint mobilization and/or relieve stress and muscle tension, and to promote a general sense of well-being.</p> <p>The practice of massage and bodywork excludes actions by any person, who is certified or licensed in this State by any other law, and who is engaged in the profession or occupation for which that person is certified or licensed, and actions by any person engaged in an occupation which does not require a certificate or certification, including, but not limited to, physical education teachers, athletic coaches, health or recreation directors, instructors at health clubs or spas, martial arts, water safety and dance instructors, or coaches and practitioners of techniques, who are acting within the scope of activity for which they are trained, or students of massage who are practicing within the scope of their course of study.</p>	<p>"Massage and bodywork therapist" shall mean a person who represents himself or herself to the public by any title or description of services incorporating the words "bodywork," "massage," "massage therapist," "massage therapy," "massage practitioner," "massagist," "masseur," "masseur," or who engages in the practice of massage and bodywork for a fee, monetary or otherwise.</p>
FL	<p>"Massage" means the manipulation of the soft tissues of the human body with the hand, foot, arm, or elbow, whether or not such manipulation is aided by hydrotherapy, including colonic irrigation, or thermal therapy; any electrical or mechanical device; or the application to the human body of a chemical or herbal preparation.</p>	<p>"Massage therapist" means a person licensed as required by this act, who administers massage for compensation.</p>
GA	<p>"Massage therapy" means the application of a system of structured touch, pressure, movement, and holding to the soft tissue of the body in which the primary intent is to enhance or restore health and well-being. The term includes complementary methods, including without limitation the external application of water, superficial heat, superficial cold, lubricants, salt scrubs, or other topical preparations and the use of commercially</p>	<p>"Massage therapist" means a person who administers massage or massage therapy for compensation.</p>

	available electromechanical devices which do not require the use of transcutaneous electrodes and which mimic or enhance the actions possible by the hands; the term also includes determining whether massage therapy is appropriate or contraindicated, or whether referral to another health care provider is appropriate. Massage therapy shall not include the use of ultrasound, fluidotherapy, laser, and other methods of deep thermal modalities.	
HI	"Massage", "massage therapy", and "Hawaiian massage" commonly known as lomilomi, means any method of treatment of the superficial soft parts of the body, consisting of rubbing, stroking, tapotement, pressing, shaking, or kneading with the hands, feet, elbow, or arms, and whether or not aided by any mechanical or electrical apparatus, appliances, or supplementary aids such as rubbing alcohol, liniments, antiseptics, oils, powder, creams, lotions, ointments, or other similar preparations commonly used in this practice. Any mechanical or electrical apparatus used as described in this chapter shall be approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.	"Massage therapist" means any person who engages in the occupation or practice of massage for compensation. "Massage therapist apprentice" means any person who engages in the occupation or practice of massage under the direct supervision of a sponsoring massage therapist who is employed by or registered with an approved massage establishment.
IA	" <i>Massage therapy</i> " means performance for compensation of massage, myotherapy, massotherapy, bodywork, bodywork therapy, or therapeutic massage including hydrotherapy, superficial hot and cold applications, vibration and topical applications, or other therapy which involves manipulation of the muscle and connective tissue of the body, excluding osseous tissue, to treat the muscle tonus system for the purpose of enhancing health, providing muscle relaxation, increasing range of motion, reducing stress, relieving pain, or improving circulation.	" <i>Licensee</i> " means any person licensed to practice as a massage therapist in the state of Iowa.
IL	"Massage" or "massage therapy" means a system of structured palpation or movement of the soft tissue of the body. The system may include, but is not limited to, techniques such as effleurage or stroking and gliding, petrissage or kneading, tapotement or percussion, friction, vibration, compression, and stretching activities as they pertain to massage therapy. These techniques may be applied by a licensed massage therapist with or without the aid of lubricants, salt or herbal preparations, hydromassage, thermal massage, or a massage device that mimics or enhances the actions possible by human hands. The purpose of the practice of massage, as licensed under this Act, is to enhance the general health and well-being of the mind and body of the recipient. "Massage" does not include the diagnosis of a specific pathology. "Massage" does not include those acts of physical therapy or therapeutic or corrective measures that are outside the scope of massage therapy practice as defined in this Section.	"Massage therapist" means a person who is licensed by the Department and administers massage for compensation.
IN	Sec. 4. "Massage therapy": (1) means the application of massage techniques on the human body; (2) includes: (A) the use of touch, pressure, percussion, kneading, movement, positioning, nonspecific stretching, stretching within the normal anatomical range of movement, and holding, with or without the use of massage devices that mimic or enhance manual measures; and (B) the external application of heat, cold, water, ice, stones, lubricants, abrasives, and topical preparations that are not classified as prescription drugs; and (3) does not include: (A) spinal manipulation; and (B) diagnosis or prescribing drugs for which a license is required.	Sec. 5. "Massage therapist" means an individual who practices massage therapy.
KY	(6) "Practice of massage therapy" means the application, by a massage therapist licensed by the board, of a system of structured touch, pressure, movement, and holding to the soft tissues of the human body with the intent to enhance or restore the health and well-being of the client. The practice includes the external application of water, heat, cold, lubricants, salt scrubs, or other topical preparations; use of electromechanical devices that mimic or enhance the actions of the hands; and determination of whether massage therapy is appropriate or contraindicated, or whether referral to another health care practitioner is appropriate;	(4) "Massage therapist" means a person who is licensed by the board to administer massage or massage therapy to the public for compensation;
LA	(5) " Massage therapy " means the manipulation of soft tissue for the purpose of maintaining good health and establishing and maintaining good physical condition. The	(4) " Massage therapist " means an individual who practices or

	<p>term shall include effleurage (stroking), petrissage (kneading), tapotement (percussion), compression, vibration, friction, (active/passive range of motion), Shiatsu, and acupressure, either by hand, forearm, elbow, foot, or with mechanical appliances for the purpose of body massage. Massage therapy may include the use of lubricants such as salts, powders, liquids, creams, (with the exception of prescriptive or medicinal creams), heat lamps, whirlpool, hot and cold pack, salt glow, or steam cabinet baths. It shall not include electrotherapy, laser therapy, microwave, colonic therapy, injection therapy, or manipulation of the joints. Equivalent terms for massage therapy are massage, therapeutic massage, massage technology, Shiatsu, body work, or any derivation of those terms. As used in this Chapter, the terms "therapy" and "therapeutic" shall not include diagnosis, the treatment of illness or disease, or any service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry is required by law.</p>	<p>administers massage therapy to a patron of either gender for compensation. The term shall include a therapeutic massage practitioner, massage technician, masseur, masseuse, or any derivation of those titles.</p>
ME	<p>4. Massage therapy. "Massage therapy" means a scientific or skillful manipulation of soft tissue for therapeutic or remedial purposes, specifically for improving muscle tone and circulation and promoting health and physical well-being. The term includes, but is not limited to, manual and mechanical procedures for the purpose of treating soft tissue only, the use of supplementary aids such as rubbing alcohol, liniments, oils, antiseptics, powders, herbal preparations, creams or lotions, procedures such as oil rubs, salt glows and hot or cold packs or other similar procedures or preparations commonly used in this practice. This term specifically excludes manipulation of the spine or articulations and excludes sexual contact as defined in Title 17-A, section 251, subsection 1, paragraph D.</p>	<p>3. Massage therapist or massage practitioner. "Massage therapist" or "massage practitioner" means a person who provides or offers to provide massage therapy for a fee, monetary or otherwise.</p>
MD	<p>1) "Massage therapy" means the use of manual techniques on soft tissues of the human body including effleurage (stroking), petrissage (kneading), tapotement (tapping), stretching, compression, vibration, and friction, with or without the aid of heat limited to hot packs and heating pads, cold water, or nonlegend topical applications, for the purpose of improving circulation, enhancing muscle relaxation, relieving muscular pain, reducing stress, or promoting health and well-being.</p>	<p>(11) "Registered massage practitioner" means an individual who is registered by the Board to practice non-therapeutic massage. <i>Certified massage therapist.</i> - "Certified massage therapist" means an individual who is certified by the Board to practice massage therapy.</p>
MA	<p>Massage: The systematic treatment of the soft tissues of the body by use of pressure, friction, stroking, percussion, kneading, vibration by manual or mechanical means, range of motion for purposes of demonstrating muscle excursion or muscle flexibility and nonspecific stretching. Massage therapy may include the use of oil, ice, hot and cold packs, tub, shower, steam, dry heat or cabinet baths, in which the primary intent is to enhance or restore the health and well-being of the client. Massage therapy shall not include diagnoses, the prescribing of drugs or medicines, spinal or other joint manipulations or any services or procedures for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, occupational therapy, physical therapy or podiatry is required by law. For purposes of these regulations, the use of the term "Massage" shall also mean the term "Massage therapy".</p>	<p>Massage Therapist or Massage Practitioner: A person licensed by the Board who instructs or administers Massage or Massage therapy for compensation. For purposes of these regulations, the use of the term "Massage Therapist" shall also mean the term "Massage Practitioner".</p>
MS	<p>"Massage" means touch, stroking, kneading, stretching, friction, percussion and vibration, and includes holding, positioning, causing movement of the soft tissues and applying manual touch and pressure to the body (excluding an osseous tissue manipulation or adjustment). "Therapy" means action aimed at achieving or increasing health and wellness. "Massage therapy means the profession in which the practitioner applies massage techniques with the intent of positively affecting the health and well-being of the client, and may adjunctively (i) apply allied modalities, heat, cold water and topical preparations not classified as prescription drugs, (ii) use hand held tools such as electrical hand massagers used adjunctively to the application of hand massage or devices designed as t-bars or knobbies, and (iii) instruct self care and stress management.</p>	<p>"Massage therapist" means a person who practices massage therapy.</p>
MO	<p>"Massage therapy", a health care profession which involves the treatment of the body's tonus system through the scientific or skillful touching, rubbing, pressing or other movements of the soft tissues of the body with the hands, forearms, elbows, or feet, or with the aid of mechanical apparatus, for relaxation, therapeutic, remedial or health maintenance purposes to enhance the mental and physical well-being of the client, but does not include the prescription of medication, spinal or joint manipulation, the diagnosis of illness or disease, or any service or procedure for which a license to practice</p>	<p>"Massage therapist", a health care practitioner who provides or offers to provide massage therapy, as provided in sections 324.240 to 324.275, to any person at no cost or for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the</p>

	medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry is required by law, or to those occupations defined in chapter 329, RSMo;	massage therapist is trained, experienced and licensed in massage therapy, and who holds a current, valid license to practice massage therapy;
NE	Massage Therapy means the physical, mechanical, or electrical manipulation of soft tissue for the therapeutic purposes of enhancing muscle relaxation, reducing stress, improving circulation, or instilling a greater sense of well-being and may include the use of oil, salt glows, heat lamps, and hydrotherapy. It does not include diagnosis or treatment or use of procedures for which a license to practice medicine or surgery, chiropractic, or podiatry is required nor the use of microwave diathermy, shortwave diathermy, ultrasound, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, electrical stimulation of over thirty-five volts, neurological hyperstimulation, or spinal and joint adjustments.	Massage Therapist means a person licensed to practice massage therapy.
NV	<p>1. "Massage therapy" means the application of a system of pressure to the muscular structure and soft tissues of the human body for therapeutic purposes, including, without limitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Effleurage; (b) Petrissage; (c) Tapotement; (d) Compressions; (e) Vibration; (f) Friction; and (g) Movements applied manually with or without superficial heat, cold, water or lubricants for the purpose of maintaining good health and establishing and maintaining good physical condition. <p>2. The term does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Diagnosis, adjustment, mobilization or manipulation of any articulations of the body or spine; or (b) Reflexology. 	Massage therapist" means a person who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to engage in the practice of massage therapy.
NH	"Massage" means the application of a system of structured touch which includes holding, pressure, positioning, or causing movement, by manual means, for the purpose of promoting, maintaining, and restoring the health and well-being of the client. Massage is designed to promote general relaxation, improve movement, relieve somatic and muscular pain or dysfunction, stress and muscle tension, and provide for general health enhancement, personal growth, and the organization, balance, and integration of the body.	"Massage therapist" means a licensed individual who performs massage for compensation. Titles used may include: massage therapist, massage practitioner, bodywork practitioner, bodyworker, muscle therapist, massotherapist, or somatic therapist practitioner. A massage therapist uses visual, kinesthetic, and palpatory skills to assess the body, and may evaluate the client's condition to the extent of determining whether massage is indicated or contraindicated.
NJ	"Massage and bodywork therapies" or "massage and bodywork" means systems of activity of structured touch which include, but are not limited to, holding, applying pressure, positioning and mobilizing soft tissue of the body by manual technique and use of visual, kinesthetic, auditory and palpating skills to assess the body for purposes of applying therapeutic massage and bodywork principles. Such application may include, but is not limited to, the use of therapies such as heliotherapy or hydrotherapy, the use of moist hot and cold external applications, explaining and describing myofascial movement, self-care and stress management as it relates to massage and bodywork therapies. Massage and bodywork therapy practices are designed to affect the soft tissue of the body for the purpose of promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of the client. Massage and bodywork therapies do not include the diagnosis of illness, disease, impairment or disability. (2007)	"Massage and bodywork therapist" means a person licensed to practice massage and bodywork therapies pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1999, c.19 (C.45:11-53 et seq.) and P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68 et al.).
NM	"Massage therapy" means the assessment and treatment of soft tissues and their dysfunctions for therapeutic purposes primarily for comfort and relief of pain. It is a health care service that includes gliding, kneading, percussion, compression, vibration, friction, nerve strokes, stretching the tissue and exercising the range of motion, and may include the use of oils, salt glows, hot or cold packs or hydrotherapy. Synonymous terms for massage therapy include massage, therapeutic massage, body massage, myomassage,	No definition

	bodywork, body rub or any derivation of those terms. Massage therapy is the deformation of soft tissues from more than one anatomical point by manual or mechanical means to accomplish homeostasis and/or pain relief in the tissues being deformed, as defined in the Massage Therapy Practice Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-12C-3.E. "Treatment of soft tissues" is the repetitive deformation of soft tissues from more than one anatomical point by manual or mechanical means to accomplish homeostasis and/or pain relief in the tissues being deformed.	
NY	The practice of the profession of massage therapy is defined as engaging in applying a scientific system of activity to the muscular structure of the human body by means of stroking, kneading, tapping and vibrating with the hands or vibrators for the purpose of improving muscle tone and circulation.	No definition
NC	Massage and bodywork therapy. Systems of activity applied to the soft tissues of the human body for therapeutic, educational, or relaxation purposes. The application may include: a. Pressure, friction, stroking, rocking, kneading, percussion, or passive or active stretching within the normal anatomical range of movement. b. Complementary methods, including the external application of water, heat, cold, lubricants, and other topical preparations. c. The use of mechanical devices that mimic or enhance actions that may possibly be done by the hands.	Massage and bodywork therapist. A person licensed under this Article.
ND	"Massage" means the scientific and systematic manipulation of the soft tissues of the human body through any manual or mechanical means, including superficial hot and cold applications, hydrotherapy, reflexology, and the use of salts or lubricants. "Massage" does not include diagnosing or treating diseases, manipulating the spine or other joints, or prescribing or administering vitamins.	"Massage therapist" means an individual who practices massage.
OH	Massage therapy is the treatment of disorders of the human body by the manipulation of soft tissue through the systematic external application of massage techniques including touch, stroking, friction, vibration, percussion, kneading, stretching, compression, and joint movements within the normal physiologic range of motion; and adjunctive thereto, the external application of water, heat, cold, topical preparations, and mechanical devices.	A massage therapist may treat temporomandibular joint dysfunction provided that the patient has been directly referred in writing for such treatment to the massage therapist by a physician currently licensed pursuant to Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, by a chiropractor currently licensed pursuant to Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code. or a dentist currently licensed pursuant to Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code.
OR	"Massage" or "massage therapy" means the use on the body of pressure, friction, stroking, tapping or kneading, vibration or stretching by manual or mechanical means or gymnastics, with or without appliances such as vibrators, infrared heat, sun lamps and external baths, and with or without lubricants such as salts, powders, liquids or creams for the purpose of, but not limited to, maintaining good health and establishing and maintaining good physical condition.	"Massage or bodywork practice" means the activities related to the L.M.T.'s provision of massage or bodywork services in his or her capacity as a practitioner, teacher, supervisor, consultant, mentor or educator. "Massage Therapist" means a person licensed under ORS 687 to practice massage.
RI	" <i>The practice of massage</i> " shall be defined as engaging in applying a scientific system of activity to the muscular structure of the human body by means of stroking, kneading, tapping and vibrating with the hands or vibrators for the purpose of improving muscle tone and circulation.	" <i>Massage therapist</i> " means a person engaged in the practice of massage who has completed a program in or is certified by a school or institution of learning which is approved by the American Massage and Therapy Association or equivalent academic and training program meeting the requirements of section 4.2 herein as approved by the Director of Health, other than

		a correspondence course, which school or institution has for its purpose the teaching of the theory, practice, method, profession, or work of massage, including at least anatomy, physiology, hygiene and professional ethics, pursuant to the statutory provisions.
SC	<p>“Massage/bodywork therapy” means the application of a system of structured touch of the superficial tissues of the human body with the hand, foot, arm, or elbow with or without aid by hydrotherapy, thermal therapy, massage devices, human hands, or the application of herbal preparations for therapeutic, relaxation, or educational purposes.</p> <p>It is further defined by pressure, friction, stroking, rocking, kneading, percussion, or passive active stretching within the normal anatomical range of movement. Complimentary methods including the external application of water, thermal therapy, hydrotherapy, lubricants, and other topical preparations, including but not limited to herbal remedies, body wraps and salt scrubs.</p>	"Massage/bodywork therapist" means a person licensed as required by this chapter, who administers massage/bodywork therapy for compensation
SD	<p>"Massage," the systematic mobilization of the soft tissues of the body through the application of hands or devices for the purposes of therapy, relaxation, or education through means which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Pressure, friction, stroking, rocking, kneading, percussion, compression, or stretching; (b) External application of water, heat, cold, lubricants, or other topical agents; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) The use of devices that mimic or enhance actions done by hands; 	"Practice of massage therapy," the performance of massage for a fee or other compensation or holding oneself out to the public as performing massage.
TN	“Massage/bodywork/somatic” means the manipulation of the soft tissues of the body with the intention of positively affecting the health and well being of the client;	“Massage therapist” means a person who practices massage for compensation and is licensed by the board.
TX	Massage therapy" means the manipulation of soft tissue by hand or through a mechanical or electrical apparatus for the purpose of body massage and includes effleurage (stroking), petrissage (kneading), tapotement (percussion), compression, vibration, friction, nerve strokes, and Swedish gymnastics. The terms "massage," "therapeutic massage," "massage technology," "myotherapy," "body massage," "body rub," or any derivation of those terms are synonyms for "massage therapy."	"Massage therapist" means a person who practices or administers massage therapy or other massage services to a client for compensation. The term includes a licensed massage therapist, therapeutic massage practitioner, massage technician, masseur, masseuse, myotherapist, body massager, body rubber, or any derivation of those titles.
UT	<p>"Practice of massage therapy" means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the examination, assessment, and evaluation of the soft tissue structures of the body for the purpose of devising a treatment plan to promote homeostasis; (b) the systematic manual or mechanical manipulation of the soft tissue of the body for the therapeutic purpose of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) promoting the health and well-being of a client; (ii) enhancing the circulation of the blood and lymph; (iii) relaxing and lengthening muscles; (iv) relieving pain; (v) restoring metabolic balance; and (vi) achieving homeostasis; (c) the use of the hands or a mechanical or electrical apparatus in connection with this Subsection <p>(6);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) the use of rehabilitative procedures involving the soft tissue of the body; (e) range of motion or movements without spinal adjustment as set forth in Section 58-73-102; (f) oil rubs, heat lamps, salt glows, hot and cold packs, or tub, shower, steam, and cabinet 	"Massage therapist" means an individual licensed under this chapter as a massage therapist.

	<p>baths;</p> <p>(g) manual traction and stretching exercise;</p> <p>(h) correction of muscular distortion by treatment of the soft tissues of the body;</p> <p>(i) counseling, education, and other advisory services to reduce the incidence and severity of physical disability, movement dysfunction, and pain;</p> <p>(j) similar or related activities and modality techniques; and</p> <p>(k) the practice described in this Subsection (6) on an animal to the extent permitted by:</p> <p>(i) Subsection 58-28-307(12);</p> <p>(ii) the provisions of this chapter; and</p> <p>(iii) division rule.</p>	
VA	<p>"Massage therapy" means the treatment of soft tissues for therapeutic purposes by the application of massage and bodywork techniques based on the manipulation or application of pressure to the muscular structure or soft tissues of the human body. The terms "massage therapy" and "therapeutic massage" do not include the diagnosis or treatment of illness or disease or any service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine, nursing, chiropractic therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, acupuncture, or podiatry is required by law.</p> <p>"Practical nurse" or "licensed practical nurse" means a person who is licensed or holds a multistate licensure privilege under the provisions of this chapter to practice practical nursing as defined in this section. Such a licensee shall be empowered to provide nursing services without compensation. The abbreviation "L.P.N." shall stand for such terms.</p>	<p>"Certified massage therapist" means a person who meets the qualifications specified in this chapter and who is currently certified by the Board.</p>
WA	<p>"Massage" and "massage therapy" mean a health care service involving the external manipulation or pressure of soft tissue for therapeutic purposes. Massage therapy includes techniques such as tapping, compressions, friction, Swedish gymnastics or movements, gliding, kneading, shaking, and fascial or connective tissue stretching, with or without the aids of superficial heat, cold, water, lubricants, or salts. Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or attempts to adjust or manipulate any articulations of the body or spine or mobilization of these articulations by the use of a thrusting force, nor does it include genital manipulation.</p>	<p>"Massage practitioner" means an individual licensed under this chapter.</p>
WV	<p>"Massage therapy" means a health care service which is a scientific and skillful manipulation of soft tissue for therapeutic or remedial purposes, specifically for improving muscle tone, circulation, promoting health and physical well-being. Massage therapy includes massage, myotherapy, massotherapy, bodywork, bodywork therapy, or therapeutic massage including hydrotherapy, superficial hot and cold applications, vibration and topical applications or other therapies which involve manipulation of the muscle and connective tissue of the body, for the purpose of enhancing health, reducing stress, improving circulation, aiding muscle relaxation, increasing range of motion, or relieving neuro-muscular pain. Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or service which requires a license to practice medicine or surgery, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, or podiatry, and does not include service performed by nurses, occupational therapists, or physical therapists who act under their own professional license, certificate or registration.</p>	<p>"Massage therapist" means a person licensed to practice the health care service of massage therapy under this article who practices or administers massage therapy to a client of either gender for compensation. No person licensed by the massage therapy licensure board may be referred to as a primary care provider nor be permitted to use such designation.</p>
WI	<p>"Massage therapy or bodywork" means the science and healing art that uses manual actions to palpate and manipulate the soft tissue of the human body, in order to improve circulation, reduce tension, relieve soft tissue pain, or increase flexibility, and includes determining whether massage therapy or bodywork is appropriate or contraindicated, or whether a referral to another health care practitioner is appropriate. "Massage therapy or bodywork" does not include making a medical or chiropractic diagnosis.</p> <p>"Manual action" includes holding, positioning, rocking, kneading, compressing, decompressing, gliding, or percussing the soft tissue of the human body or applying a passive range of motion to the human body.</p>	<p>"Certificate holder" means a person granted a certificate under this chapter.</p>

**State Massage Therapy Regulations:
Sampling of Grandfathering Provisions**

State	Grandfathering Provisions
AZ	<p>Notwithstanding subsection B of this section, a person who applies for a provisional license may be licensed by the board on demonstration of the qualifications prescribed in this subsection and subsection A of this section on or before January 1, 2006 and subject to the requirements of this section. A person may qualify for a license under this subsection if the person either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has completed a minimum of two hundred hours of education and training in the study of massage therapy or bodywork therapy and the person has continuously practiced massage therapy in this state for at least three years before May 12, 2003. The two hundred hours of education and training required by this paragraph must be taken in a massage or bodywork training program that is approved by either a community college located in this state or the state board for private postsecondary education or a similar agency of another state that imposes requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the state board for private postsecondary education. The training program required by this paragraph must consist of anatomy and physiology, massage theory and practice and ethics. 2. Demonstrates that the person has been self-supportive as a massage therapist in this state since from and after December 31, 1992. 3. Holds a current professional license from a political subdivision of this state that regulated the practice of massage therapy before May 12, 2003. <p>To view complete text of laws and AZ regulations, please visit: http://massagetherapy.az.gov/rules.htm</p>
CT	<p>(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner may issue a license to an out-of-state applicant who submits evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of either: (1) (A) a current license to practice therapeutic massage from another state or jurisdiction, (B) documentation of practice for at least one year immediately preceding application, and (C) successful completion of the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork; or (2) (A) graduation from a school of massage therapy offering a course of study of not less than five hundred classroom hours, with the instructor present, and, at the time of the applicant's graduation, was either (i) accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or by a state board of postsecondary technical trade and business schools, or (ii) accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation, and (B) successful completion of the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.</p>
GA	<p>Prior to July 1, 2007, any applicant for a license as a massage therapist must submit a completed application upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to the board that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The applicant is at least 18 years of age; (2) The applicant is of good moral character. For purposes of this paragraph, 'good moral

character' means professional integrity and a lack of any conviction for acts involving moral turpitude where the underlying conduct relates to the applicant's fitness to practice massage therapy;

(3) The applicant agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary to perform a criminal background check and expressly consents and authorizes the board or its representative to perform such a check; and

(4) The applicant has met at least one of the following requirements:

(A) He or she has completed successfully a board recognized educational program with a minimum of 500 hours of course and clinical work;

(B) He or she has passed satisfactorily the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, an equivalent test approved by the board, or an examination administered by another state or jurisdiction whose license requirements meet or exceed those of this state;

(C) He or she meets the qualifications necessary to sit for the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork or has substantially similar qualifications as determined by the board;

(D) He or she holds a license as a massage therapist in another state or jurisdiction whose license requirements meet or exceed the licensing requirements of this state;

(E) He or she has practiced massage therapy for at least ten hours per week on average for at least ten years prior to the date of application and has completed at least 100 hours of formal training in massage therapy as determined by the board;

(F) He or she has practiced massage therapy for at least five years prior to the date of application and has completed a minimum of 200 hours of formal training in massage therapy as determined by the board;

(G) He or she has, to the satisfaction of the board, training in another state or jurisdiction that meets or exceeds the requirements for licensing in this state;

(H) He or she has been a member, as a massage therapist, for a period of one year prior to his or her application for licensure of a professional massage therapy association established before 2002 which holds its members to a published code of ethics; or

(I) He or she has been legally practicing massage therapy in this state for compensation prior to July 1, 2005.

IL Sec. 20. Grandfathering provision.

(a) For a period of one year after the effective date of the rules adopted under this Act, the Department may issue a license to an individual who, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Section 15, produces proof that he or she has met at least one of the following requirements before the effective date of this Act:

(1) has been an active member, for a period of at least one year prior to the application for licensure, of a national professional massage therapy organization established prior to the year 2000, which offers professional liability insurance and a code of ethics;

(2) has passed the National Certification Exam of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork and has kept his or her certification current;

(3) has practiced massage therapy an average of at least 10 hours per week for at least 10 years; or

(4) has practiced massage therapy an average of at least 10 hours per week for at least one year prior to the effective date of this Act and has completed at least 100 hours of formal training in massage therapy

(b) An applicant who can show proof of having engaged in the practice of massage therapy for at least 10 hours per week for a minimum of one year prior to the effective date of this Act and has less than 100 hours of formal training or has been practicing for less than one year

	<p>with 100 hours of formal training must complete at least 100 additional hours of formal training consisting of at least 25 hours in anatomy and physiology by January 1, 2005.</p> <p>(c) An applicant who has training from another state or country may qualify for a license under subsection (a) by showing proof of meeting the requirements of that state or country and demonstrating that those requirements are substantially the same as the requirements in this Section.</p> <p>(d) For purposes of this Section, "formal training" means a massage therapy curriculum approved by the Illinois State Board of Education or the Illinois Board of Higher Education or course work provided by continuing education sponsors approved by the Department. (Source: P.A. 92-860, eff. 6-1-03; 93-524, eff. 8-12-03; 93-908, eff. 8-11-04.)</p>
KY	<p>309.360 Qualifications for license issued prior to June 24, 2005. Between June 24, 2003, and June 24, 2005, the board shall issue a license to an applicant who meets the requirements of KRS 309.358(1)(a), (b), and (c) and one (1) of the following:</p> <p>(1) Has successfully completed a course of study consisting of a minimum of five hundred (500) classroom hours of supervised instruction in a massage therapy training program approved by the Kentucky State Board for Proprietary Education or its equivalent in other states;</p> <p>(2) Has received the designation of "Nationally Certified" or "Internationally Certified" by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork or other massage therapist certifying agency approved by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies;</p> <p>(3) Has provided documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has practiced massage therapy for at least seven (7) years prior to June 24, 2003;</p> <p>(4) Has provided documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has practiced massage therapy for at least one (1) year and has completed two hundred (200) hours of formal training; or</p> <p>(5) Holds a current and valid license, certificate, or registration in another state with substantially equivalent requirements.</p> <p>To view complete text of laws and regulations, please visit: http://finance.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/FE29FFB8-BA31-402A-84D9-D43CE15256E2/0/lawandregulations.pdf</p>
MA	<p>(3) "Grandfathering" Licensure. For applications received prior to May 1, 2008, the Board, in its discretion, may grant a license to an applicant if the Board determines that the applicant's combined professional and education credentials qualify the applicant for licensure and the applicant meets the requirements of 269 CMR 3.01(2)(a) through 3.01(2)(h); and</p> <p>(a) The applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the Board of at least 500 hours of paid professional practice in the field of Massage therapy provided within the five years prior to application; or</p> <p>(b) The applicant has been validly authorized to practice Massage therapy by a municipality within the Commonwealth within the two years prior to the date of application. Valid authorization shall not include temporary licensure; or</p> <p>(c) The applicant submits proof of the passage of either the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage (NCETM) or the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB), both of which are administered by the National</p>

	Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB).
MS	<p>(4) The following pre-act practitioners are exempt from having to take any examination for registration, but must fulfill all other requirements as stated in this chapter, except for the requirements in subsection (2)(h) of this section:</p> <p>(a) Those having more than three hundred (300) documented, board-accepted in-class hours of massage therapy education before January 1, 2001.</p> <p>(b) Those having more than five (5) years of professional massage therapy experience and a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) hours of approved massage therapy education * * *.</p> <p>(c) Those having no formal training, but who have successfully passed the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.</p> <p>(d) All grandfathering exemption allowances as stated in this section shall end on July 1, 2002, for nonstudents, and on June 1, 2003, for students who were enrolled in a part-time massage school curriculum on July 1, 2001. Individuals may apply for a certificate of registration until the grandfathering exemption ends, but may not practice massage beyond the allowed grace period as provided for in Section 73-67-37 unless a valid massage therapy certificate of registration or provisional permit is obtained. All other pre-act practitioners and anyone not practicing massage therapy before January 1, 2001, must take and pass the registration examination and follow the requirements in this chapter to practice massage therapy for compensation in Mississippi.</p> <p>(e) Students enrolled in a massage therapy curriculum of at least five hundred (500) hours on July 1, 2001, who complete graduation from the same curriculum.</p>
NJ	<p>C.45:11-74 Certain certified practitioners considered licensed.</p> <p>19. Any person who is a certified massage, bodywork and somatic therapist pursuant to section 8 or 9 of P.L.1999, c.19 (C.45:11-60 or 45:11-61) on the effective date of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68 et al.) shall be a licensed massage and bodywork therapist under and subject to the provisions of P.L.1999, c.19 (C.45:11-53 et seq.) and P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68 et al.). C.45:11-75 Certain practitioners eligible for licensure without satisfying education examination requirements. 20. For 360 days after the date procedures are established by the board for applying for licensure under the provisions of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68 et al.), any person who engaged in the full-time practice, as determined by the board, of massage and bodywork therapies for two years preceding the enactment date of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68 et al.), or in the part-time practice, as determined by the board, of massage and bodywork therapies for five years preceding the enactment date of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68 et al.), and has successfully completed a minimum of 200 hours of education or training in massage or bodywork therapies as determined by the board, may acquire a license to practice massage and bodywork therapies without satisfying either the education or examination requirement of section 8 of P.L.1999, c.19 (C.45:11-60).</p>
SD	<p>36-35-14. Term of board authority to issue license upon completion of alternate education or experience requirements. For two years following July 1, 2005, the board may issue a license to a person who demonstrates completion of a minimum of one hundred hours of training or study in the practice of massage with a facility or instructor recognized by the board or adequate experience derived from the active practice of massage for at least the three years immediately preceding the date of the application. Any person applying for a license under this section is not required to comply with the examination and training or study requirements of § 36-35-12 but shall meet the other criteria set forth in § 36-35-12. Any person applying for a license under this section shall submit an application as required by § 36-35-12 along with proof of active practice for at least three years prior to the date of application.</p> <p>To view complete text of laws and regulations, please visit: http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/DisplayStatute.aspx?Statute=36-35&Type=Statute</p>
TN	<p>Provisional Licensure Process</p> <p>(a) An applicant for licensure may be granted a provisional license to practice massage therapy when the applicant has done the following:</p>

1. Complied with all subparagraphs, except (f) and (o), of paragraph 0870-1-.04 (1);

2 Paid the provisional licensure fee established in rule 0870-1-.06; and

3. Requested that verification be submitted, directly from a certifying or examining organization to the Board Administrative Office, that an application to take the National Certification Examination In Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork or an equivalent type certification examination has been accepted. The examining or certifying organization must also provide the Board Administrative Office with the date on which its examination will be given for the applicant.

(b) A provisional license shall expire without further action by the board six (6) weeks after the date on which the examination used to qualify for the license is given.

(c) A provisional license is subject to discipline for the same causes and pursuant to the same procedures as a full license.

(d) To qualify for full licensure after successful completion of the certifying examination, the applicant need not make a new application but must do the following:

1. Have the documentation required by parts 0870-1-.04 (1) (f) 2. or 3. provided to the Board Administrative Office; and

2. Submit the fees required by subparagraph 0870-1-.04 (1) (j) to the Board Administrative Office;

3. Update any information previously provided on the application which has changed since its original filing with the Board Administrative Office.

(e) If a holder of a provisional license fails the examination, the applicant for licensure may be granted a second provisional license to practice massage therapy when the applicant again complies with subparagraph 0870-1-.04 (2) (a). A second provisional license will be issued and shall expire without further action by the board six (6) weeks after the date on which the examination will be given for the applicant.

(f) If a holder of a provisional license fails the examination after the second attempt, the provisional license will become void without further action by the Board on the date of receipt of the examination results in the Board's administrative office. An individual will not be eligible for a third provisional license.

(g) If a holder of a provisional license does not report to take the next scheduled examination, the provisional license expires on the date of the examination.

(3) Application review and all licensure decisions shall be governed by rule 0870-1-.07.

To view complete text of laws and regulations, please visit:

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/0870/0870.htm>

State Massage Therapy Regulations: Exemptions & Exclusions

State	Exemptions	Exclusions (relating to massage therapy scope)
AL	<p>The following persons shall be exempt from this chapter:</p> <p>(1) A student of massage therapy who is rendering massage therapy services under the supervision of a licensed massage therapy instructor, or any other supervisory arrangement recognized and approved by the board, including, but not limited to, a temporary permit. The student shall be designated by title clearly indicating the training status of the student.</p> <p>(2) Qualified members of other professions who are licensed and regulated under Alabama law while they are in the course of rendering services within the scope of their license or regulation, provided that they do not represent themselves as massage therapists.</p> <p>(3) A person giving massages to his or her immediate family.</p> <p>(4) Visiting massage therapy instructors from another state, territory, or country teaching massage therapy, provided that the massage therapy instructor is licensed or registered as required in his or her place of residence. Visiting massage instructors teaching continuing education courses may teach in the state up to 100 hours per year without an Alabama license. One hundred hours of continuing education instruction or more shall require licensure.</p> <p>(5) Members of the Massage Emergency Rescue Team (MERT) or any other nationally or internationally recognized disaster relief association who practice massage therapy in the state only during a time declared by the Governor to be a city, county, or state emergency. These therapists may work in the state for a period of time approved by the board.</p> <p>(6) Native American healers using traditional healing practices, provided, however, Native American healers who use these practices but apply for a license pursuant to this chapter shall comply with all licensure requirements.</p> <p>(7) A person acting under the supervision of a physician, a physical therapist, or a chiropractor within the scope of their license or regulation, provided that they do not represent themselves as massage therapists.</p> <p>(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit massage therapists licensed under this chapter to administer, dispense, or prescribe drugs, or engage in the practice of medicine in any manner, including, but not limited to, diagnosing or prescribing drugs for mental, emotional, or physical diseases, illnesses, or injuries.</p>	<p>The term shall not include laser therapy, microwave, injection therapy, manipulation of the joints, or any diagnosis or treatment of an illness that normally involves the practice of medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, podiatry, nursing, occupational therapy, veterinary, acupuncture, osteopathy, orthopedics, hypnosis, or naturopathics.</p>
AZ	<p>This chapter does not apply to:</p> <p>1. A health care professional who is licensed pursuant to this title and who practices within the scope of that person's license if that person does not claim to be a massage therapist or a bodywork therapist.</p> <p>2. A person who is pursuing a course of study leading to a degree as a massage therapist in a professional education program that is approved by the board if all of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) The person is satisfying supervised clinical education requirements related to the person's massage therapy education while under the direct supervision of a licensed massage therapist.</p> <p>(b) The person is practicing in an education setting in this state that has been approved by the state board for private postsecondary education.</p> <p>(c) The person is practicing in an establishment, location or setting that complies with applicable municipal and county ordinances.</p> <p>(d) All persons who are present in the room during the delivery of</p>	<p>Practice of massage therapy does not include the diagnosis of illness or disease, medical procedures, naturopathic manipulative medicine, osteopathic manipulative medicine, chiropractic adjustive procedures, homeopathic neuromuscular integration, electrical stimulation, ultrasound, prescription of medicines or the use of modalities for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, nursing, occupational therapy, athletic training, physical therapy, acupuncture or podiatry is required by law.</p>

	<p>massage services, other than a student and the customer, are licensed pursuant to this chapter or are health professionals as defined in section 32-3201.</p> <p>3. A massage therapist who resides and is employed in another jurisdiction and who possesses the qualifications for licensure in this state if that person is performing massage therapy in this state in connection with teaching or is participating in an educational seminar.</p> <p>4. The practice of massage therapy by a person who is employed by the government of the United States while the person is engaged in the performance of duties prescribed by the laws and regulations of the United States.</p> <p>5. When the customer is fully clothed, the practice of movement educators, such as dance therapists or teachers, yoga teachers, personal trainers, martial arts instructors and movement repatterning practitioners.</p> <p>6. When the customer is fully clothed, the practice of techniques that are specifically intended to affect the human energy field.</p> <p>C. A health care professional who is licensed pursuant to this title and who practices within the scope of that person's license is not required to be licensed pursuant to this chapter.</p> <p>D. This chapter does not require a person acting under the supervision of a person licensed pursuant to this title and permitted by this title to perform functions under the direction or supervision of that licensee to hold a license pursuant to this chapter.</p>	
AR	<p>Exemptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Persons authorized by the laws of this state to practice medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or physical therapy, and licensed physicians' assistants, licensed nurses, licensed physical therapy assistants, licensed acupuncturists, licensed midwives, and chiropractors are exempt. 2.) Persons authorized by the board to present and instruct board-approved school curriculum or CE programs, or both, may present and instruct such board-approved curriculum and programs for payment and in the presentation and instruction may utilize practices defined in, but without being licensed or registered under, the provisions of this chapter. 3.) The practice of massage therapy that is incidental to a program of study by students enrolled in a licensed massage therapy school approved by the board. 	Any hands on bodywork techniques and procedures rising to the level of the techniques and procedures intended to be regulated under this Chapter and not covered under specific licensing laws of other boards
CT	<p>Exempt activities. (a) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a student of massage therapy enrolled in a school of massage therapy which satisfies the requirements of section 20-206b from performing work as a required component of his course of study at such school, provided the student shall not hold himself out as licensed as a massage therapist and shall not receive compensation for such work.</p> <p>(b) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit an instructor of massage therapy from demonstrating massage therapy techniques as a component of a course of instruction in a course, seminar or workshop, provided (1) the instruction is under the direct supervision of a licensed massage therapist; (2) the instructor is not a resident of this state; (3) the instructor does not represent himself as a Connecticut licensed massage therapist; (4) the instructor is licensed or certified as a massage therapist in his home state, territory or country, if such licensure or certification is required; (5) the instructor does not receive compensation for massage therapy services, other than compensation as an instructor; and (6)</p>	Massage therapy does not encompass diagnosis, the prescribing of drugs or medicines, spinal or other joint manipulations, nor any service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, naturopathy, physical therapy, or podiatry is required by law.

	the demonstrated massage therapy services are available only to persons enrolled in the course, seminar or workshop.	
DE	<p>Alexander Technique, Aroma therapy, Feldenkrais, Hellerwork, Polarity Therapy, Reiki, Shamanic Techniques, Therapeutic Touch all exempt.</p> <p>The practice of massage and bodywork excludes actions by any person, who is certified or licensed in this State by any other law, and who is engaged in the profession or occupation for which that person is certified or licensed, and actions by any person engaged in an occupation which does not require a certificate or certification, including, but not limited to, physical education teachers, athletic coaches, health or recreation directors, instructors at health clubs or spas, martial arts, water safety and dance instructors, or coaches and practitioners of techniques, who are acting within the scope of activity for which they are trained, or students of massage who are practicing within the scope of their course of study.</p>	N/A
DC	No Exemption Language	Massage techniques do not include the incidental use of soft tissue manipulation while primarily engaging in another technique or modality in which a practitioner is qualified. Incidental use refers to soft tissue manipulation performed as part of movement re-education, energy healing or other modality in which the soft tissue manipulation is not the central aim of the treatment, but is performed occasionally to facilitate the non-massage therapy practice. If the practice of soft tissue manipulation is limited only to the feet and hands, it shall not be considered a massage technique.
FL	An exemption granted is effective to the extent that an exempted person's practice or profession overlaps with the practice of massage.	N/A
GA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A person who restricts his or her practice to the manipulation of the soft tissue of the human body to hands, feet, or ears who does not have the client disrobe and does not hold himself or herself out as a massage therapist; ▪ A person who uses touch, words, and directed movement to deepen awareness of existing patterns of movement in the body as well as to suggest new possibilities of movement while engaged within the scope of practice of a profession with established standards and ethics, provided that his or her services are not designated or implied to be massage or massage therapy; ▪ A person who uses touch and movement education to effect change in the structure of the body while engaged in the practice of structural integration, provided that he or she is a member of, or whose training would qualify for membership in, the International Association of Structural Integrators and provided that his or her services are not designated or implied to be massage or massage therapy; ▪ A person who uses touch to affect the energy systems, polarity, acupoints, or Qi meridians, also known as channels of energy, of the human body while engaged within the scope of practice of a profession with established standards and ethics, provided that his or her services are not designated or implied to be massage or massage therapy 	Massage therapy shall not include the use of ultrasound, fluidotherapy, laser, and other methods of deep thermal modalities.
HI	Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit service in case of emergency, or domestic administration, without compensation, nor services by	N/A

	persons holding any valid license, permit, or certificate dealing with the healing arts, nor services by barbers, hairdressers, cosmeticians, and cosmetologists lawfully carrying on their particular profession or business under any existing law of this State.	
IL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nothing in this Act prohibits practitioners that do not involve intentional soft tissue manipulation, including but not limited to Alexander Technique, Feldenkrais, Reiki, and Therapeutic Touch, from practicing. ▪ Practitioners of certain service marked bodywork approaches that do involve intentional soft tissue manipulation, including but not limited to Rolfing, Trager Approach, Polarity Therapy, and Orthobionomy, are exempt from this Act if they are approved by their governing body based on a minimum level of training, demonstration of competency, and adherence to ethical standards. ▪ Practitioners of Asian bodywork approaches are exempt from this Act if they are members of the American Organization of Bodywork Therapies of Asia as certified practitioners or if they are approved by an Asian bodywork organization based on a minimum level of training, demonstration of competency, and adherence to ethical standards set by their governing body. ▪ Practitioners of other forms of bodywork who restrict manipulation of soft tissue to the feet, hands, and ears, and who do not have the client disrobe, such as reflexology, are exempt from this Act. 	"Massage" does not include the diagnosis of a specific pathology. "Massage" does not include those acts of physical therapy or therapeutic or corrective measures that are outside the scope of massage therapy practice as defined in this Section.
IA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Persons practicing reflexology. ▪ Persons engaged within the scope of practice of a profession with established standards and ethics utilizing touch, words, and directed movement to deepen awareness of existing patterns of movement in the body as well as to suggest new possibilities of movement, provided that the practices performed or services rendered are not designated or implied to be massage therapy. Such practices include, but are not limited to, the Feldenkrais method, the Trager approach, and mind-body centering. ▪ Persons engaged within the scope of practice of a profession with established standards and ethics in which touch is limited to that which is essential for palpitation and affectation of the human energy system, provided that the practices performed or services rendered are not designated or implied to be massage therapy. 	"Massage therapy" means performance for compensation of massage, myotherapy, massotherapy, bodywork, bodywork therapy, or therapeutic massage including hydrotherapy, superficial hot and cold applications, vibration and topical applications, or other therapy which involves manipulation of the muscle and connective tissue of the body, excluding osseous tissue , to treat the muscle tonus system for the purpose of enhancing health, providing muscle relaxation, increasing range of motion, reducing stress, relieving pain, or improving circulation.
KY	<p>(1) Persons duly licensed, registered, or certified as massage therapists in another state or territory, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country when invited to this state to teach a course related to massage therapy or to consult with a person licensed under KRS 309.350 to 309.364;</p> <p>(2) Students practicing massage therapy while enrolled in a program recognized by the board and completing a clinical requirement for graduation while under the supervision of a board-licensed massage therapist;</p> <p>(3) A person administering a massage to members of the person's immediate family;</p> <p>(4) Persons who restrict manipulation of the soft tissues of the human body to the hands, feet, or ears, and do not hold themselves out to be massage therapists;</p> <p>(5) Persons who use procedures within the scope of practice of their profession, which has established standards and ethics, provided that their services use touch, words, and directed movement to deepen awareness of existing patterns of movement in the body as well as to suggest new possibilities of movement while engaged, but who are not designated or implied to administer massage or to be massage therapists. These practices include, but are not limited to, the Feldenkrais Method and the</p>	Massage therapists practicing under KRS 309.350 to 309.364 shall not perform any of the following: diagnosis of illness or disease; high-velocity, low-amplitude thrust applied to a joint; spinal or pelvic adjustment or chiropractic manipulation; deep physical agent modalities, except hydrotherapy methods; application of ultrasound; or prescription of medication.

	<p>Trager Approach;</p> <p>(6) Persons engaged within the scope of practice of a profession with established standards and ethics in which touch is limited to what is essential for palpation and affecting of the human energy system, provided that their services are not designated or implied to be massage or massage therapy. These practices include but are not limited to polarity therapy;</p> <p>(7) Persons duly licensed, certified, or registered in another state or territory, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country when incidentally in this state to provide service as a part of an emergency response team working in conjunction with disaster relief officials or as part of a charity event;</p> <p>(8) Students participating in massage therapy classes or continuing education while in the classroom or practicing on a classmate and not holding themselves out as massage therapists or accepting compensation for the practice; or</p> <p>(9) Practitioners of the following occupations and professions regulated by state law while engaging in the practices for which they are duly licensed and while not holding themselves out to be massage therapists:</p> <p>(a) Physicians, osteopaths, podiatrists, and athletic trainers</p> <p>(b) Chiropractors</p> <p>(c) Registered nurses and practical nurses</p> <p>(d) Barbers and cosmetologists</p> <p>(e) Occupational therapists; and</p> <p>(f) Physical therapists</p>	
LA	<p>This Chapter shall not apply to any services performed in hospitals licensed by the state. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practice or activities of any person licensed in this state under any other law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which he is licensed. However, no person shall in any way hold himself out or designate himself as a massage therapist unless duly licensed by the board in accordance with this Chapter.</p>	<p>“Massage Therapy” shall not include electrotherapy, laser therapy, microwave, colonic therapy, injection therapy, or manipulation of the joints.</p>
ME	<p>This chapter does not apply to the activities and services of individuals who practice other forms of tissue work exclusive of massage therapy, such as rolfing, Trager, reflexology, Shiatsu, Reiki and polarity, if those practitioners do not use the title "massage therapist" or "massage practitioner," unless they choose to meet the requirements of this chapter.</p>	<p>This term specifically excludes manipulation of the spine or articulations and excludes sexual contact as defined in Title 17-A, section 251, subsection 1, paragraph D.</p>
MD	<p>An individual shall be certified by the Board in order to practice massage therapy, and shall be registered by the Board in order to practice non-therapeutic massage, except for the following:</p> <p>A. A student enrolled in an approved education program as determined by the Board while performing massage therapy in the program;</p> <p>B. An individual who has qualified to practice massage therapy in another state or country that has substantially similar requirements for authorization to practice massage therapy as determined by the Board, and the individual is in Maryland for not more than 7 consecutive days, or a total of 30 days during a period of 1 calendar year;</p> <p>C. An individual who has an approved application pending before the Board and who has otherwise met all requirements for licensure under COMAR 10.43.17.04;</p> <p>D. A family member performing massage therapy on another</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	<p>family member;</p> <p>E. An athletic trainer while functioning in the scope of the athletic trainer's professional capacity;</p> <p>F. An individual employed by the federal government to practice massage therapy while practicing within the scope of the individual's employment; or</p> <p>G. An individual working in a beauty salon for which the person who operates the beauty salon has obtained a permit from the State Board of Cosmetology as required under Business Occupations and Professions Article, §5-501, Annotated Code of Maryland, if the individual is practicing within the scope of a license issued by the State Board of Cosmetology.</p>	
MS	Persons state licensed, state registered, state certified, or otherwise state credentialed by the laws of this state to include massage therapy as part of their practice, or other allied modalities that are certified by a nationally accredited organization recognized by the board;	Massage” means touch, stroking, kneading, stretching, friction, percussion and vibration, and includes holding, positioning, causing movement of the soft tissues and applying manual touch and pressure to the body (excluding an osseous tissue manipulation or adjustment).
MO	<p>The following practitioners are exempt from the provisions of this section upon filing written proof with the board that they meet one or more of the following:</p> <p>(1) Persons who act under a Missouri state license, registration, or certification and perform soft tissue manipulation within their scope of practice;</p> <p>(2) Persons who restrict their manipulation of the soft tissues of the human body to the hands, feet or ears;</p> <p>(3) Persons who use touch and words to deepen awareness of existing patterns of movement in the human body as well as to suggest new possibilities of movement;</p> <p>(4) Persons who manipulate the human body above the neck, below the elbow, and below the knee and do not disrobe the client in performing such manipulation.</p>	"Massage therapy", a health care profession which involves the treatment of the body's tonus system through the scientific or skillful touching, rubbing, pressing or other movements of the soft tissues of the body with the hands, forearms, elbows, or feet, or with the aid of mechanical apparatus, for relaxation, therapeutic, remedial or health maintenance purposes to enhance the mental and physical well-being of the client, but does not include the prescription of medication, spinal or joint manipulation, the diagnosis of illness or disease, or any service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry is required by law, or to those occupations defined in chapter 329, RSMo;
NE	The following are NOT required to obtain a massage therapy license: 1) Licensed physicians and surgeons, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, registered nurses, practical nurses, cosmetologists, chiropodists, physical therapists, and barbers who are exclusively engaged in the practice of their respective professions; 2) physicians of the United States Army, Navy, or Public Health Service when acting in the line of duty in this state; and 3) students performing massage therapy services when they render such services within the scope of an approved massage therapy school under the supervision of a licensed massage therapist.	Massage therapy <i>shall not include</i> diagnosis or treatment or use of procedures for which a license to practice medicine or surgery, chiropractic, or podiatry, is required nor the use of microwave diathermy, shortwave diathermy, ultrasound, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, electrical stimulation of over thirty-five volts, neurological hyperstimulation or spinal and joint adjustments.
NV	<p>The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:</p> <p>(a) A person licensed pursuant to <u>chapter 630, 630A, 631, 632, 633, 634, 634A, 635, 640, 640A or 640B</u> of NRS if the massage therapy is performed in the course of the practice for which the person is licensed.</p> <p>(b) A person licensed as a barber or apprentice pursuant to <u>chapter 643</u> of NRS if the person is massaging, cleansing or stimulating the scalp, face, neck or skin within the permissible scope of practice for a barber or apprentice pursuant to that chapter.</p>	"Massage therapy" does not include: (a) diagnosis, adjustment, mobilization or manipulation of any articulations of the body or spine; or (b) reflexology.

	<p>(c) A person licensed or registered as an aesthetician, cosmetologist or cosmetologist's apprentice pursuant to <u>chapter 644</u> of NRS if the person is massaging, cleansing or stimulating the scalp, face, neck or skin within the permissible scope of practice for an aesthetician, cosmetologist or cosmetologist's apprentice pursuant to that chapter.</p> <p>(d) A person who is an employee of an athletic department of any high school, college or university in this State and who, within the scope of that employment, practices massage therapy on athletes.</p> <p>(e) Students enrolled in a school of massage therapy recognized by the Board.</p> <p>(f) A person who practices massage therapy solely on members of his immediate family.</p> <p>(g) A person who performs any activity in a licensed brothel.</p>	
NH	<p>I. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a person licensed by this state pursuant to any other provision of law, or any person employed by such a licensee as an assistant, from performing the occupation for which he is licensed.</p> <p>II. This chapter shall not apply to athletic trainers to the extent they are performing bona fide training services for an athletic team located or training within this state.</p> <p>III. The commissioner may by rule exempt other classes of persons from all or part of the provisions of this chapter if the commissioner finds that the public interest will be served by such exemption.</p>	N/A
NM	<p>The following are exempted from licensure by the board pursuant to Section 61-12C-5.1 of the Massage Therapy Practice Act.</p> <p>A. Other professionals licensed in or regulated by another New Mexico licensing board or agency rendering services within the scope of their authorizing law or regulation, provided they do not represent themselves as massage therapists.</p> <p>B. Massage therapy students who are rendering massage therapy services within the course of study of a registered massage therapy school or under the supervision of a registered massage therapy instructor.</p> <p>C. Massage therapy instructors visiting New Mexico who have met the requirements set forth in 16.7.6.11 NMAC.</p> <p>D. Sobadores; Hispanic traditional healers; Native American healers; reflexologists whose practice is limited to hands, feet and ears; or other healers who do not manipulate the soft tissues for therapeutic purposes. However, if any of these persons applies for and is granted a license pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act, that person shall comply with all licensure requirements and be subject to the provisions of the boards' statute and regulations.</p>	N/A
NY	<p>Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to prohibit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The practice of massage therapy by any person who is authorized to practice medicine, nursing, osteopathy, physiotherapy, chiropractic, or podiatry in accordance with the provisions of this title. 2. The practice of that massage which is customarily given in barber shops or beauty parlors for the purpose of beautification by any licensed barber or beauty culturist. 3. The practice of massage therapy by any person employed in a medical institution licensed or chartered by the state of New York, provided that such person is under the on-site supervision of a person licensed to practice massage therapy or authorized to practice massage therapy by 	N/A

	<p>subdivision one of this section, or by any person enrolled in a program of a school or institute of massage therapy registered by the department, or enrolled in a program which satisfies the requirements of section seventy-eight hundred four of this article, provided that such person is under the on-site supervision of a person licensed to practice massage therapy or authorized to practice massage therapy by subdivision one of this section.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The practice of massage therapy by any person duly employed as a trainer by a professional athletic association, club or team, or as a member of the physical education department of an accredited university, college or high school. 5. The practice of massage therapy by any person employed by a corporation or association organized exclusively for the moral or mental improvement of men, women or children. <p>Reiki, the Alexander Technique, or the Feldenkrais Method (as long as persons practicing these techniques do not claim to be diagnosing or treating any human pain, disease, disorder or physical condition, they must be licensed in a profession that is authorized to diagnose or to provide treatment).</p>	
NC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pursuant to Rule Section .0203, the Board considers practitioners of movement education (Alexander Technique, Body-Mind Centering, Feldenkrais Method, and Trager Psychophysical Integration), as well as practitioners of certain energy-based techniques (Healing Touch, Jin Shin, Medical Qi Gong, Polarity Therapy, Reflexology, Reiki, Specific Kinesiology, and Therapeutic Touch), to be within the scope of the exemptions set forth in the Practice Act and are therefore exempt from licensure requirements. ▪ Services such as herbal body wraps, skin exfoliating treatments or the topical application of products to the skin for beautification purposes are not considered to be the practice of massage and bodywork therapy, as long as such services do not involve direct manipulation of the soft tissues of the body. ▪ Anyone who is utilizing exempt techniques or treatments along with the practice of massage or bodywork therapy is not considered exempt and will be required to be licensed. 	<p>“Practice of massage and bodywork therapy” does not include the diagnosis of illness or disease, medical procedures, chiropractic adjustive procedures, electrical stimulation, ultrasound, prescription of medicines, or the use of modalities for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, acupuncture, or podiatry is required by law.</p>
ND	<p>The following persons are exempt from this chapter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schools that furnish massage services to their student athletes. 2. Any student of a school of massage who is practicing massage in the course of fulfilling a required massage therapy practicum under the direct supervision of a licensed massage therapist or in the course of participating in a school-supervised student massage clinic under the direct supervision of a licensed massage therapist. 3. Any individual who is engaged in a profession or occupation for which the individual is licensed by this state, as long as the individual's activities are performed in the course of the bona fide practice of the individual's profession or occupation and as long as the individual does not represent to the public that the individual is a massage therapist or is engaged in the practice of massage. 4. A health spa or similar business to the extent the spa or business is performing superficial applications, including salt glows and contouring. 	<p>"Massage" does not include diagnosing or treating diseases, manipulating the spine or other joints, or prescribing or administering vitamins.</p>

NJ	<p>13. a. Nothing in this amendatory and supplementary act shall be construed to prohibit any person licensed to practice in this State under any other law from engaging in or using titles consistent with the practice for which he is licensed or to prohibit any student enrolled in a program of massage and bodywork therapies recognized by the board from performing massage and bodywork therapies which are necessary to his course of study.</p> <p>b. Nothing in this amendatory and supplementary act shall be construed to prohibit any person performing massage and bodywork therapies in this State, if those therapies are performed for no more than 45 days in a calendar year and for no more than 30 days in any 60-consecutive day period and provided that the person is duly licensed, certified or registered to practice massage and bodywork therapy in another state or the District of Columbia.</p> <p>c. Nothing in this amendatory and supplementary act shall be construed to prohibit any person from engaging in the manipulation of soft tissue of the human body contained on hands, feet or ears, provided that the client does not remove any clothing other than shoes or socks.</p> <p>d. Nothing in this amendatory and supplementary act shall be construed to prohibit any teacher from demonstrating massage and bodywork techniques while teaching a class or workshop if the individual is duly licensed by another state or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia to practice massage and bodywork therapies if their state or district of residence requires such licensure for an individual to practice massage and bodywork therapies.</p> <p>e. Nothing in this amendatory and supplementary act shall be construed to prohibit any person from using touch, words and directed movement to deepen awareness of existing patterns of movement in the body, or to suggest new possibilities of movement provided that these services are not designated or implied to be massage and bodywork therapy and the client is fully clothed.</p>	<p>Massage and bodywork therapies do not include the diagnosis of illness, disease, impairment or disability.</p>
OH	<p>No Exemption Language</p>	<p>A practitioner of massage therapist shall not diagnose a patient's condition. A massage therapist shall evaluate except as to whether the application of massage therapy is advisable. A massage therapist may provide information or education consistent with that evaluation, including referral to an appropriate licensed health care professional, provided that any form of treatment advised by a massage therapist falls within the scope of practice of, and relates directly to a condition that is amenable to treatment by, a massage therapist. In determining whether the application of massage therapy is advisable, a practitioner of massage therapist shall be limited to taking a written or verbal inquiry, visual inspection including observation of range of motion, touch, and the taking of a pulse, temperature and blood pressure.</p>
OR	<p>1) ORS 687.011 to 687.250, 687.895 and 687.991 do not apply to:</p> <p>a) Persons licensed under any other law of this state to do any acts included in the definition of massage in ORS 687.011 or persons working under the direction of any such person.</p> <p>b) Trainers of any amateur, semiprofessional or professional athlete or athletic team.</p> <p>c) Massage practiced at the athletic department of any institution maintained by public funds of the state or of any of its political subdivisions.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	<p>d) Massage practiced at the athletic department of any school or college.</p> <p>e) Massage clinics operated as part of a certified class for the purpose of student training supervised by an approved instructor or preceptor if:</p> <p>A) Any charge for the massage does not exceed the cost incurred in providing the massage; and</p> <p>B) The student is not compensated.</p> <p>f) Students enrolled in a certified class when practicing massage techniques in a nonclinical setting, at or away from massage school premises or program sites, under the supervision of an approved instructor or preceptor, if:</p> <p>A) The student is clearly identified as a student to any member of the public receiving massage services; and</p> <p>B) The student is not compensated.</p> <p>g) Nonresident practitioners holding a valid license, permit, certificate or registration issued by any other state or territory of the United States or by a foreign country and temporarily practicing massage in this state for a period not exceeding 30 days for the purpose of:</p> <p>A) Presenting educational or clinical programs, lectures, seminars or workshops;</p> <p>B) Furnishing massage services during an emergency as part of a disaster response team; or</p> <p>C) Consulting with a massage therapist licensed in this state regarding massage practices or services.</p> <p>h) Trained or licensed practitioners of psychotherapy or counseling modalities that use physical techniques to access or support psychotherapeutic processes when practicing within the scope of a license or if the practitioner has an express oral or written agreement that the sole intent in using the physical techniques is to render the psychotherapy or counseling.</p> <p>2) A nonresident practitioner performing massage under subsection (1)(g) of this section must obtain a temporary practice permit if practicing in this state for a total of more than 30 days in a calendar year.</p>	
RI	<p>Nothing contained in the Act shall prohibit:</p> <p>(1) The practice of massage by any person who is authorized to practice medicine, nursing, osteopathy, physiotherapy, chiropractic, or podiatry in this state.</p> <p>(2) The practice of that massage which is customarily given in barber shops or beauty parlors for the purpose of beautification by any licensed barber, hairdresser, or cosmetician.</p> <p>(3) The practice of massage by any person employed in a medical institution licensed or chartered by the state or enrolled in a program of a school or institute of massage approved by the board of regents.</p> <p>(4) The practice of massage by any person duly employed as a trainer by a professional athletic association, club, or team, or as a member of the physical education department of an accredited university, college, or high school.</p> <p>(5) The practice of massage by any person in a physical fitness facility operated by a corporation or association organized exclusively for the moral or mental improvement of men, women, or children.</p>	N/A
SC	<p>The Department considers exempt those persons engaging in a profession with established standards and ethics in which touch is limited to that which is essential for affecting the human energy system, provided that their services are not within the scope of practice of massage/bodywork therapy as defined. Further, their services cannot be designated or implied to be massage or massage/bodywork therapy as defined.</p>	N/A

SD	<p>The provisions of this chapter do not apply to any person performing massage for compensation if the massage is done under one of the following circumstances:</p> <p>(1) As part of a licensed practice as a physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, nurse, physical therapist, athletic trainer, or other health care profession licensed or certified under Title 36;</p> <p>(2) As part of a licensed practice pursuant to chapter 36-14 or 36-15, if the licensee is performing within the scope of the licensed practice and the licensee does not hold himself or herself out to be a massage therapist or to be engaged in the practice of massage therapy;</p> <p>(3) In furtherance of duties as an employee of the United States;</p> <p>(4) As part of a course of study with a facility or instructor recognized and approved by the board to provide training in massage or the provision of such instruction;</p> <p>(5) As part of providing a course of instruction or continuing education in the practice of massage therapy on a temporary basis not in excess of ten days; or</p> <p>(6) Manipulation of the soft tissues of the human body is restricted to the hands, feet, or ears and the person does not hold himself or herself out to be a massage therapist or to be engaged in the practice of massage therapy.</p>	N/A
TN	<p>a) Any person granted an exemption under this part is effective only to the extent that the bona fide practice of the profession or business that is licensed, certified, or registered under the laws of this state overlaps into the field comprehended by this chapter, and exemptions under this chapter are only for those activities that are performed in the course of the bona fide practice of the business or profession of the person exempted.</p> <p>b) Persons exempt under subsection (a) include, but are not limited to: any branch of medicine, nursing, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, and also barbers, cosmetologists, athletic trainers, physical and occupational therapists; and any student of an institution described in § 63-18-105(b)(3)(A) or public school of this state; provided, that the student does not hold out as a licensed massage therapist and does not receive compensation for massage.</p> <p>c) Nothing in this part shall apply to massage therapists licensed in other states or countries or meeting standards set forward in § 63-18-105 when providing educational programs or services for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days within a calendar year.</p>	N/A
TX	<p>(1) a person licensed in this state as a physician, chiropractor, occupational therapist, physical therapist, nurse, cosmetologist, or athletic trainer or as a member of a similar profession subject to state licensing while the person is practicing within the scope of the license;</p> <p>(2) a school approved by the Texas Education Agency or otherwise approved by the state; or</p> <p>(3) an instructor otherwise approved by the state to teach in an area of study included in the required course of instruction for issuance of a massage therapist license.</p>	The terms "therapy" and "therapeutic" do not include diagnosis, the treatment of illness or disease, or any service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry is required by law. Massage therapy does not constitute the practice of chiropractic.
UT	The following individuals may engage in the practice of massage therapy as defined under this chapter, subject to the stated circumstances and limitations, without being licensed, but may not represent themselves as a massage therapist or massage apprentice:	N/A

	<p>(a) physicians and surgeons licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;</p> <p>(b) nurses licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, or under Title 58, Chapter 44a, Nurse Midwife Practice Act;</p> <p>(c) physical therapists licensed under Title 58, Chapter 24a, Physical Therapist Practice Act;</p> <p>(d) osteopathic physicians licensed under Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;</p> <p>(e) chiropractic physicians licensed under Title 58, Chapter 73, Chiropractic Physician Practice Act;</p> <p>(f) hospital staff members employed by a hospital who practice massage as part of their responsibilities;</p> <p>(g) athletic trainers who practice massage as part of their responsibilities while employed by an educational institution or an athletic team that participates in organized sports competition;</p> <p>(h) students in training enrolled in a massage therapy school approved by the division;</p> <p>(i) naturopathic physicians licensed under Title 58, Chapter 71, Naturopathic Physician Practice Act;</p> <p>(j) occupational therapist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 42a, Occupational Therapy Practice Act;</p> <p>and</p> <p>(k) persons performing gratuitous massage.</p>	
VA	No Exemption Language	The terms "massage therapy" and "therapeutic massage" do not include the diagnosis or treatment of illness or disease or any service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine, nursing, chiropractic therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, acupuncture, or podiatry is required by law.
WA	<p>The secretary will consider approval for exemption from this chapter any individual who has completed a somatic education program that has a professional organization with a permanent administrative location that oversees the practice of somatic education training and that has the following:</p> <p>(a) Standards of practice;</p> <p>(b) A training accreditation process;</p> <p>(c) An instructor certification process;</p> <p>(d) A practitioner certification process;</p> <p>(e) A code of ethics or code of professional conduct.</p>	Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or attempts to adjust or manipulate any articulations of the body or spine or mobilization of these articulations by the use of a thrusting force, nor does it include genital manipulation.
WV	<p>Nothing in this article may be construed to prohibit or otherwise limit:</p> <p>(a) The practice of a profession by persons who are licensed, certified or registered under the laws of this state and who are performing services within their authorized scope of practice. Persons exempted under this subdivision include, but are not limited to, those licensed, certified or registered to practice within the scope of any branch of medicine, nursing, osteopathy, chiropractic and podiatry, as well as licensed, certified or registered barbers, cosmetologists, athletic trainers, physical and occupational therapists; and any student enrolled in a program of massage education at a school approved by the West Virginia state college system board or by a state agency in another state, the District of Columbia or a United States territory which approves educational programs and which meets qualifications for the national certification exam administered through the national certification board for therapeutic massage and bodywork, provided that the student does not hold himself or herself out as a licensed massage therapist; and</p> <p>(b) The activities of any resort spa that has been operating on a</p>	Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or service which requires a license to practice medicine or surgery, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, or podiatry, and does not include service performed by nurses, occupational therapists, or physical therapists who act under their own professional license, certificate or registration.

	<p>continuing basis since the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred seventy-five, or any employees of the resort spa. The exemption set forth in this subsection does not extend to any person, corporation or association providing escort services, nude dancing, or other sexually oriented services not falling within the scope of massage therapy as defined in this article, irrespective of how long the person, corporation or association has been in operation.</p>	
WI	<p>A certificate under this chapter is not required for any of the following:</p> <p>(1) A person holding a license, permit, registration, or certification granted by this state or the federal government who engages in a practice of massage therapy or bodywork within the scope of his or her license, permit, registration, or certification and who does not imply that he or she is certified under this chapter.</p> <p>(2) A person who is authorized to practice massage therapy or bodywork in another state or country and is providing a consultation to or demonstration with a certificate holder.</p>	<p>"Massage therapy or bodywork" does not include making a medical or chiropractic diagnosis.</p>

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