

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Massage Licensing Act is amended by changing
5 Section 25 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 57/25)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

8 Sec. 25. Exemptions.

9 (a) This Act does not prohibit a person licensed under any
10 other Act in this State from engaging in the practice for which
11 he or she is licensed.

12 (b) Persons exempted under this Section include, but are
13 not limited to, physicians, podiatric physicians, naprapaths,
14 and physical therapists.

15 (c) Nothing in this Act prohibits qualified members of
16 other professional groups, including but not limited to nurses,
17 occupational therapists, cosmetologists, and estheticians,
18 from performing massage in a manner consistent with their
19 training and the code of ethics of their respective
20 professions.

21 (d) Nothing in this Act prohibits a student of an approved
22 massage school or program from performing massage, provided
23 that the student does not hold himself or herself out as a

1 licensed massage therapist and does not receive compensation,
2 including tips, for massage therapy services.

3 (e) Nothing in this Act prohibits practitioners that do not
4 involve intentional soft tissue manipulation, including but
5 not limited to Alexander Technique, Feldenkrais, Reike, and
6 Therapeutic Touch, from practicing.

7 (f) Practitioners of certain service marked bodywork
8 approaches that do involve intentional soft tissue
9 manipulation, including but not limited to Rolfing, Trager
10 Approach, Polarity Therapy, and Orthobionomy, are exempt from
11 this Act if they are approved by their governing body based on
12 a minimum level of training, demonstration of competency, and
13 adherence to ethical standards.

14 (g) Until January 1, 2020, practitioners ~~Practitioners~~ of
15 Asian bodywork approaches are exempt from this Act if they are
16 members of the American Organization of Bodywork Therapies of
17 Asia as certified practitioners or if they are approved by an
18 Asian bodywork organization based on a minimum level of
19 training, demonstration of competency, and adherence to
20 ethical standards set by their governing body.

21 (h) Practitioners of other forms of bodywork who restrict
22 manipulation of soft tissue to the feet, hands, and ears, and
23 who do not have the client disrobe, such as reflexology, are
24 exempt from this Act.

25 (i) Nothing in this Act applies to massage therapists from
26 other states or countries when providing educational programs

1 or services for a period not exceeding 30 days within a
2 calendar year.

3 (j) Nothing in this Act prohibits a person from treating
4 ailments by spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance
5 with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or
6 religious denomination.

7 (k) Nothing in this Act applies to the practice of massage
8 therapy by a person either actively licensed as a massage
9 therapist in another state or currently certified by the
10 National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and
11 Bodywork or other national certifying body if said person's
12 state does not license massage therapists, if he or she is
13 performing his or her duties for a non-Illinois based team or
14 organization, or for a national athletic event held in this
15 State, so long as he or she restricts his or her practice to
16 his or her team or organization or to event participants during
17 the course of his or her team's or organization's stay in this
18 State or for the duration of the event.

19 (Source: P.A. 97-514, eff. 8-23-11; 98-214, eff. 8-9-13.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.