
HOUSE BILL 1397

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of massage therapy; and amending
2 RCW 18.108.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.010 and 2002 c 277 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the
7 following meanings shall apply:

8 (1) "Board" means the Washington state board of massage.

9 (2) "Massage" and "massage therapy" mean a health care service
10 involving the external manipulation or pressure of soft tissue or
11 manipulation or pressure inside the mouth or oral cavity, for
12 therapeutic purposes. Massage therapy includes techniques such as
13 tapping, compressions, friction, Swedish gymnastics or movements,
14 gliding, kneading, shaking, and fascial or connective tissue
15 stretching, with or without the aids of superficial heat, cold, water,
16 lubricants, or salts. Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or
17 attempts to adjust or manipulate any articulations of the body or spine
18 or mobilization of these articulations by the use of a thrusting force,
19 nor does it include genital manipulation.

1 (3) "Massage practitioner" means an individual licensed under this
2 chapter.

3 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
4 designee.

5 (5) "Massage business" means the operation of a business where
6 massages are given.

7 (6) "Animal massage practitioner" means an individual with a
8 license to practice massage therapy in this state with additional
9 training in animal therapy.

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