
HOUSE BILL 1868

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By Representatives Backlund, Dyer and Cody

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1 AN ACT Relating to somatic education; amending RCW 18.108.050; and
2 creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.050 and 1995 c 198 s 16 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 This chapter does not apply to:

7 (1) An individual giving massage to members of his or her immediate
8 family;

9 (2) The practice of a profession by individuals who are licensed,
10 certified, or registered under other laws of this state and who are
11 performing services within their authorized scope of practice;

12 (3) Massage practiced at the athletic department of any institution
13 maintained by the public funds of the state, or any of its political
14 subdivisions;

15 (4) Massage practiced at the athletic department of any school or
16 college approved by the department by rule using recognized national
17 professional standards;

18 (5) Students enrolled in an approved massage school, approved
19 program, or approved apprenticeship program, practicing massage

1 techniques, incidental to the massage school or program and supervised
2 by the approved school or program. Students must identify themselves
3 as a student when performing massage services on members of the public.
4 Students may not be compensated for the massage services they provide;
5 (6) Individuals engaged in the practice of somatic education
6 through nationally recognized organizations as determined by the
7 secretary.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The department of health shall monitor the
9 effects, if any, on the public health and safety of the exemption
10 provided in RCW 18.108.050(6). The department shall report to the
11 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1999, any
12 instances of somatic educators violating RCW 18.108.085(3) with
13 recommendations, if any, for regulatory or statutory changes.

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