

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1397**

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MESSAGE THERAPY--INTRAORAL MESSAGE

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Passed by the House March 7, 2007  
Yeas 91 Nays 1

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 13, 2007  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 2, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1397** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

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May 3, 2007

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Kenney, Curtis, Cody and Upthegrove)

READ FIRST TIME 02/19/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to the definition of massage therapy; amending RCW  
2 18.108.010; and adding a new section to chapter 18.108 RCW.

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 for  
11 therapeutic purposes. Massage therapy includes techniques such as  
12 tapping, compressions, friction, Swedish gymnastics or movements,  
13 gliding, kneading, shaking, and fascial or connective tissue  
14 stretching, with or without the aids of superficial heat, cold, water,  
15 lubricants, or salts. Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or  
16 attempts to adjust or manipulate any articulations of the body or spine  
17 or mobilization of these articulations by the use of a thrusting force,  
18 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.

10 (7) "Intraoral massage" means the manipulation or pressure of soft  
11 tissue inside the mouth or oral cavity for therapeutic purposes.

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.108 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) A massage practitioner licensed under this chapter may apply  
15 for an endorsement to perform intraoral massage upon completion of  
16 training determined by the board and specified in rules. Training must  
17 include intraoral massage techniques, cranial anatomy, physiology, and  
18 kinesiology, hygienic practices, safety and sanitation, pathology, and  
19 contraindications.

20 (2) A massage practitioner who has obtained an intraoral massage  
21 endorsement to his or her massage practitioner license may practice  
22 intraoral massage.

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