

2 **SHB 1875** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.108.005 and 1987 c 443 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The legislature finds it necessary to license the practice of
10 massage and massage therapy in order to protect the public health and
11 safety. It is the legislature's intent that only individuals who meet
12 and maintain minimum standards of competence and conduct may provide
13 services to the public. This chapter shall not be construed to require
14 or prohibit individual or group policies or contracts of an insurance
15 carrier, health care service contractor, or health maintenance
16 organization from providing benefits or coverage for services and
17 supplies provided by a person (~~registered or certified~~) licensed
18 under this chapter.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.108.010 and 1991 c 3 s 252 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the
22 following meanings shall apply:

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

24 (2) "Massage" and "massage therapy" mean a health care service
25 involving the external manipulation or pressure of soft tissue for
26 therapeutic purposes. Massage therapy includes (~~massage~~) techniques
27 such as (~~methods of effleurage, petrissage, tapotement,~~) tapping,
28 compressions, (~~vibration,~~) friction, (~~nerve stokes, and~~) Swedish
29 gymnastics or movements (~~either by manual means, as they relate to~~
30 massage), gliding, kneading, shaking, and facial or connective tissue
31 stretching, with or without the aids of superficial heat, cold, water,
32 lubricants, or salts. Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or
33 attempts to adjust or manipulate any articulations of the body or spine
34 or mobilization of these articulations by the use of a thrusting force,
35 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 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.108.050 and 1995 c 198 s 16 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 This chapter does not apply to:

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

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

15 (3) Massage practiced at the athletic department of any institution
16 maintained by the public funds of the state, or any of its political
17 subdivisions;

18 (4) Massage practiced at the athletic department of any school or
19 college approved by the department by rule using recognized national
20 professional standards;

21 (5) Students enrolled in an approved massage school, approved
22 program, or approved apprenticeship program, practicing massage
23 techniques, incidental to the massage school or program and supervised
24 by the approved school or program. Students must identify themselves
25 as a student when performing massage services on members of the public.
26 Students may not be compensated for the massage services they provide;

27 (6) Individuals who have completed a somatic education training
28 program approved by the secretary.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of health shall monitor the
30 effects, if any, on the public health and safety of the exemption
31 provided in RCW 18.108.050(6). The department shall report to the
32 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1999, any
33 instances of somatic educators violating RCW 18.108.085(3) with
34 recommendations, if any, for regulatory or statutory changes."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "RCW;" strike the remainder
5 of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.108.005, 18.108.010, and
6 18.108.050; and creating a new section."

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