

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1189**

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65th Legislature  
2017 Regular Session

MASSAGE THERAPY EXEMPTIONS--SOMATIC EDUCATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

Passed by the House February 9, 2017  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 20, 2017 10:40 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1189** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 20, 2017

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by  
Representatives Short, Cody, Schmick, and Kloba)

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1            AN ACT Relating to clarifying existing exemptions from the  
2 massage therapy law; and amending RCW 18.108.050.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.050 and 2012 c 137 s 8 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            This chapter does not apply to:

7            (1) An individual giving massage or reflexology to members of his  
8 or her immediate 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 or reflexology practiced at the athletic department  
13 of:

14            (a) Any institution maintained by the public funds of the state,  
15 or any of its political subdivisions;

16            (b) Any primary or secondary school or institution of higher  
17 education;

18            (c) Any school or college approved by the department of health by  
19 rule using recognized national professional standards; or

20            (d) Any nonprofit organization licensed under RCW 66.24.400 and  
21 66.24.450;

1 (4) Students enrolled in an approved massage school, approved  
2 program, or approved apprenticeship program, practicing massage  
3 techniques, incidental to the massage school or program and  
4 supervised by the approved school or program. Students must identify  
5 themselves as a student when performing massage services on members  
6 of the public. Students may not be compensated for the massage  
7 services they provide;

8 (5) Students enrolled in an approved reflexology school, approved  
9 program, or approved apprenticeship program, practicing reflexology  
10 techniques, incidental to the reflexologist school or program and  
11 supervised by the approved school or program. Students must identify  
12 themselves as a student when performing reflexology services on  
13 members of the public. Students may not be compensated for the  
14 reflexology services they provide; or

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

17 (b) For purposes of this subsection (6), "somatic education"  
18 means: Using minimal touch, words, and directed movement to deepen  
19 awareness of existing patterns of movement and suggest new  
20 possibilities of movement; and using minimal touch over specific  
21 points of the body to facilitate balance in the nervous system. It  
22 includes: (i) Any somatic education training program approved by the  
23 secretary as of the effective date of this section; (ii) the practice  
24 of ortho-bionomy; and (iii) the Feldenkrais method of somatic  
25 education.

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