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By Senator Thibaudeau

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1 AN ACT Relating to certifying reflexologists in the practice of
2 reflexology; amending RCW 18.108.010 and 18.108.030; and adding new
3 sections to chapter 18.108 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.010 and 1997 c 297 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

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

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

10 (2) "Certified reflexologist" means a person who provides
11 reflexology services in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

12 (3) "Massage" and "massage therapy" mean a health care service
13 involving the external manipulation or pressure of soft tissue for
14 therapeutic purposes. Massage therapy includes techniques such as
15 tapping, compressions, friction, Swedish gymnastics or movements,
16 gliding, kneading, shaking, and facial or connective tissue stretching,
17 with or without the aids of superficial heat, cold, water, lubricants,
18 or salts. Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or attempts to
19 adjust or manipulate any articulations of the body or spine or

1 mobilization of these articulations by the use of a thrusting force,
2 nor does it include genital manipulation.

3 ~~((+3))~~ (4) "Message business" means the operation of a business
4 where massages are given.

5 (5) "Message practitioner" means an individual licensed under this
6 chapter.

7 ~~((+4))~~ (6) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the
8 secretary's designee.

9 ~~((+5) Message business means the operation of a business where
10 massages are given.))~~

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

13 Certified reflexologists shall meet educational requirements as set
14 by the board subject to the approval of the secretary by rule. The
15 educational requirements shall meet a minimum standard of educational
16 hours of coursework specific to the practice of reflexology as
17 determined by rule.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.108 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 No person may practice reflexology without receiving a certificate
21 to practice reflexology from the board.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.108.030 and 1995 c 198 s 15 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) No person may practice or represent himself or herself as a
25 massage practitioner without first applying for and receiving from the
26 department a license to practice.

27 (2) A person represents himself or herself as a massage
28 practitioner when the person adopts or uses any title or any
29 description of services that incorporates one or more of the following
30 terms or designations: Massage, massage practitioner, massage
31 therapist, massage therapy, therapeutic massage, massage technician,
32 massage technology, massagist, masseur, masseuse, myotherapist or
33 myotherapy, touch therapist, reflexologist, unless certified under this

1 chapter, acupressurist, body therapy or body therapist, or any
2 derivation of those terms that implies a massage technique or method.

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