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By Representative Ericksen

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1 AN ACT Relating to animal massage practitioners; amending RCW  
2 18.108.010; repealing RCW 18.108.230; and repealing 2001 c 297 s 1  
3 (uncodified).

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.010 and 2002 c 277 s 1 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) "Massage" and "massage therapy" mean a health care service  
11 involving the external manipulation or pressure of soft tissue of the  
12 human body for therapeutic purposes. Massage therapy includes  
13 techniques such as tapping, compressions, friction, Swedish gymnastics  
14 or movements, gliding, kneading, shaking, and fascial or connective  
15 tissue stretching, with or without the aids of superficial heat, cold,  
16 water, lubricants, or salts. Massage therapy does not include  
17 diagnosis or attempts to adjust or manipulate any articulations of the  
18 body or spine or mobilization of these articulations by the use of a  
19 thrusting force, 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           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
11 repealed:

12           (1) RCW 18.108.230 (Animal massage practitioner--Endorsement--  
13 Training requirements--Rules) and 2001 c 297 s 3; and

14           (2) 2001 c 297 s 1 (uncodified).

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