MASSAGE THERAPY PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENT

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| **LIMITED MASSAGE THERAPY (SB 180)** | **MASSAGE THERAPY (Current)** |
| (a) the systematic manual or mechanical manipulation of the soft tissue of the body for the purpose of: (i) promoting the therapeutic health and well-being of a client; (ii) enhancing the circulation of the blood and lymph;  (iii) relaxing and lengthening muscles; (iv) relieving pain; (v) restoring metabolic balance; (vi) achieving homeostasis; or (vii) other purposes; (b) seated chair massage; (c) body wraps; (d) aromatherapy; (e) reflexology; or (f) in connection with an activity described in this Subsection (8), the use of:  (i) the hands; (ii) a towel; (iii) a stone; (iv) a shell; (v) a bamboo stick; or (vi) an herbal ball compress.  LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:   * **Apply for licensure** * **Pay application fee** * **Be 18 years old or older** * **150 hours of direct supervision** * **150 hours of indirect supervision**   **Massage Assistants never have to pass any test to know that they know anything about massage, receive any education, or receive any training in sanitation, draping, ethics, impaired lymph, cardiovascular, muscular, surgery, or injury treatment** | (a) the examination, assessment, and evaluation of the soft tissue structures of the body for the purpose of devising a treatment plan to promote homeostasis; (b) the systematic manual or mechanical manipulation of the soft tissue of the body for the purpose of: (i) promoting the therapeutic health and well-being of a client; (ii) enhancing the circulation of the blood and lymph; (iii) relaxing and lengthening muscles; (iv) relieving pain; (v) restoring metabolic balance; (vi) achieving homeostasis; or (vii) other purposes; (c) the use of the hands or a mechanical or electrical apparatus in connection with this Subsection [6]; (d) the use of rehabilitative procedures involving the soft tissue of the body;  LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:   * **Graduate from Massage School** * **1,000+ hours of supervised training over 12 months (or equivalent education and training required by DOPL)** * **Pass the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEX)** |