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Rhode Island licenses massage therapy, the definition of which is below (read both the statutory and regulatory definitions). There is no specific exemption for Structural Integration. The rules allow the director to approve exams other than those specifically accepted by the rules, so you could petition to have the CESI accepted.

Law and Regulation

Statute

CHAPTER 23-20.8, Licensing of Massage Therapists

Home page: <http://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=229#one>, click "Statutes" link on lefthand side of page.

§ 23-20.8-1 Definitions. – As used in this chapter:

(2) "Practice of massage" means the manual manipulation of the soft tissues of the human body through the systematic application of massage techniques including: effleurage, petrissage, compression, friction, vibration, percussion, pressure, positional holding, movement, range of motion for purposes of demonstrating muscle excursion or muscle flexibility and nonspecific stretching. The term massage includes the external application of lubricants or other topical preparations such as water, heat and cold via the use of the hand, foot, arm or elbow with or without the aid of massage devices for the purpose of aiding muscle relaxation, reducing stress, improving circulation increasing range of motion, relieving muscular pain and the overall enhancement of health. Massage shall not include the touch of genitalia, diagnosis of illness or disease, the prescribing of drugs, medicines or exercise, high-velocity thrust applied to the joints or spine, electrical stimulation, application of ultrasound or any services or procedures for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, occupational therapy, physical therapy or podiatry as required by law.

Regulation

<http://sos.ri.gov/documents/archives/regdocs/released/pdf/DOH/7016.pdf>

Section 1.0 Definitions

Wherever used in these rules and regulations the following terms shall be construed as follows:
1.10 "The practice of massage" means engaging in applying a scientific system of activity to the muscular structure of the human body by means of stroking, kneading, tapping and vibrating with the hands or vibrators for the purpose of improving muscle tone and circulation.

Examination

3.1 An applicant for a license to practice massage therapy in Rhode Island shall:

d) have successfully completed the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Body Work or the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork; *or other examination as approved by the Department.*

Board Members

http://sos.ri.gov/boards/?page=board_detail&board_id=6538

Meetings, Minutes, and Agendas

This link leads to a signup form for RSS feeds and apparently searchable database for upcoming meetings and minutes, though it was unclear how to find the massage board's meetings and minutes using it. Presumably under the Secretary of State header. (If you figure this out, please, pass along the information.)

<http://sos.ri.gov/govdirectory/index.php?page=DetailDeptAgency&eid=6538>

Recently submitted minutes link is on the main page for massage therapy (link at top of this page).