



Oklahoma

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(This is the link to the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, which will regulate massage in the state when the new massage law goes into effect. As of June 2016, there is nothing on this site regarding the new law or licensing of massage.)

Contact Information

(Stay tuned. Oklahoma has not set up the system for regulating the professions covered by the new law.)

Law and Regulation

http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2015-16%20ENR/SB/SB687%20ENR.PDF

Massage Therapy Practice Act, signed into law on May 11, 2016, SB 687

A new law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Title 59, Section 4200, SECTION 2. As used in the Massage Therapy Practice Act:

3. "Massage therapist" means an individual who practices massage or massage therapy and is licensed under the Massage Therapy Practice Act. A massage therapist uses visual, kinesthetic, and palpatory skills to assess the body and may evaluate a condition to the extent of determining whether massage is indicated or contraindicated;

4. "Massage therapy" means the skillful treatment of the soft tissues of the human body. Massage is designed to promote general relaxation, improve movement, relieve somatic and muscular pain or dysfunction, stress and muscle tension, provide for general health enhancement, personal growth, education and the organization, balance and integration of the human body and includes, but is not limited to:

- a. the use of touch, pressure, friction, stroking, gliding, percussion, kneading, movement, positioning, holding, range of motion and nonspecific stretching within the normal anatomical range of movement, and vibration by manual or mechanical means with or without the use of massage devices that mimic or enhance manual measures, and
- b. the external application of ice, heat and cold packs for thermal therapy, water, lubricants, abrasives and external application of herbal or topical preparations not classified as prescription drugs

SECTION 4.

A. The State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering is hereby authorized to adopt and promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act that are necessary for the implementation and enforcement of the Massage Therapy Practice Act...

C. There is hereby created an Advisory Board on Massage Therapy. The Advisory Board on Massage Therapy shall assist the Board in carrying out the provisions of this section regarding the qualifications, examination, registration, regulation, and standards of professional conduct of massage therapists.

Examination

SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4200.8 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The required examination approved by the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering for licensure under the Massage Therapy Practice Act shall be a standardized national massage therapy examination that meets the following criteria:

1. Is statistically validated through a job analysis under current standards for educational and professional testing;
2. Complies with pertinent state and federal equal employment opportunity
3. Is available to all potential licensing candidates;
4. Is delivered through a professional testing company with high-security test centers located nationwide.

Regulations

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Meetings, Minutes, Agendas

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