



"SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4200.5 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Between the effective date of this act and May 1, 2017, the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering shall issue a license to practice massage therapy to any person who files a completed application, accompanied by the required fees, and who submits satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

1. Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
2. Has one or more of the following:
  - a. completed and passed a nationally recognized competency examination in the practice of massage therapy,
  - b. an affidavit of at least five (5) years of work experience in the state, or
  - c. a certificate and transcript of completion from a massage school with at least five hundred (500) hours of education;
3. Provides proof of documentation that the applicant currently maintains liability insurance for practice as a massage therapist;  
and
4. Provides full disclosure to the Board of any criminal proceeding taken against the applicant including, but not limited to:

- a. pleading guilty, pleading nolo contendere or receiving a conviction of a felony,
- b. pleading guilty, pleading nolo contendere or receiving a conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or
- c. pleading guilty, pleading nolo contendere or receiving a conviction for violation of federal or state controlled dangerous substance laws.

B. After May 1, 2017 and before the issuance of a license, to assist in determining the entry-level competence of an applicant, the Board may adopt rules establishing additional standards or criteria for examination acceptance and may adopt only those examinations that meet the standards outlined in Section 8 of this act.

C. 1. After May 1, 2017, except as otherwise provided in the Massage Therapy Practice Act, every person desiring to practice massage therapy in this state shall be required to first obtain a license from the Board.

2. After May 1, 2017 the Board may issue a license to an applicant who:

- a. is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- b. has completed the equivalent of five hundred (500) hours of formal education in massage therapy from a state-licensed school;

- c. has passed a nationally recognized competency examination approved by the Board;
- d. Provides proof of documentation that the applicant currently maintains liability insurance for practice as a massage therapist; and
- e. Provides full disclosure to the Board of any criminal proceeding taken against the applicant including, but not limited to:
  - i. pleading guilty, pleading nolo contendere or receiving a conviction of a felony,
  - ii. pleading guilty, pleading nolo contendere or receiving a conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or
  - iii. pleading guilty, pleading nolo contendere or receiving a conviction for violation of federal or state controlled dangerous substance laws."