

An Act relating to professions and occupations; creating the Massage Therapy Practice Act; providing short title; defining terms; prohibiting certain actions without a license; prohibiting certain operation of certain schools or instruction without a license; limiting certain practices; providing for exceptions; authorizing the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering to adopt rules for implementing the act; granting the Board certain investigation powers; creating the Advisory Board on Massage Therapy; stating duties; providing for membership; setting fees; establishing requirements for licensure of certain persons for certain time periods; allowing the Board to establish additional licensure standards; requiring a license to practice after a certain date; requiring posting of certain license; stating certain license is not assignable or transferable; prohibiting the operation of a certain school without certain license; limiting the scope of instruction; requiring certain examination to be a standardized national massage therapy examination meeting certain criteria; providing for reciprocity; providing for expiration of certain licenses; establishing procedure for renewal of license; providing for certain inactive status and procedures for restoring status; providing for certain fees; setting limits of certain fees; making act supersede certain local ordinances and regulations; allowing certain zoning and licensing by county or municipal governments; authorizing Board to take certain disciplinary actions; authorizing Board to take certain actions based on certain unprofessional conduct; providing for the institution of certain disciplinary proceedings; providing for certain guidelines for the disposition of disciplinary cases; providing for responsibility for certain costs; prohibiting certain liability, civil damages or criminal prosecution; creating criminal offenses and punishments; authorizing the use of certain terms by certain persons; making the use of certain professional title by certain persons subject to certain discipline; making a person subject to disciplinary action for certain acts; making certain advertising a violation of the act; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.