

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE BILL 1484

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Massage Therapy Practice Act;  
8 transferring powers, duties and funds from the State  
9 Board of Cosmetology and Barbering to the Board of  
10 Chiropractic Examiners; setting date of transfer;  
11 transferring all funds, property, personnel and  
12 records on certain date; directing OMES to coordinate  
13 the transfer of unexpended funds and outstanding  
14 obligations; providing for license transfer and  
15 validity; directing the Board of Chiropractic  
16 Examiners to administer the Massage Therapy Practice  
17 Act on and after certain date; providing a grace  
18 period for certain persons to be licensed during  
19 certain dates; providing for noncodification;  
20 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
21 emergency.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
24 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

25 A. The Massage Therapy Practice Act is hereby transferred.  
26 Effective July 1, 2020, the powers, duties and responsibilities  
27 exercised by the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering and its  
28 employees relating to the Massage Therapy Practice Act are hereby  
29 transferred to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. All unexpended  
30 funds, property, licenses, records, personnel, and outstanding

1 financial obligations and encumbrances of the State Board of  
2 Cosmetology and Barbering relating to the Massage Therapy Practice  
3 Act are hereby transferred to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.  
4 All transferred personnel shall retain their employment position and  
5 status as unclassified or classified employees.

6 B. The Office of Management Enterprises and Services is hereby  
7 directed to coordinate the transfer of funds, allotments, purchase  
8 orders and outstanding financial obligations, or encumbrances  
9 provided for by the provisions of subsection A of this section.

10 C. On and after the date of transfer, any reference to the  
11 State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering wherever found in the  
12 Massage Therapy Practice Act shall mean the Board of Chiropractic  
13 Examiners.

14 D. All valid massage therapy licenses issued by the State Board  
15 of Cosmetology and Barbering prior to the date of transfer are  
16 hereby transferred and each shall remain valid until renewal or  
17 specific disciplinary action is taken on such license by the Board  
18 of Chiropractic Examiners. All license renewals occurring on and  
19 after July 1, 2020, shall be processed by the Board of Chiropractic  
20 Examiners. Any complaint or disciplinary proceedings, which occurs  
21 prior to July 1, 2020, shall be the responsibility of the State  
22 Board of Cosmetology and Barbering and any disciplinary proceedings,  
23 occurring on and after July 1, 2020, shall be the responsibility of  
24 the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Any license applications

1 received prior to the date of transfer shall be processed by the  
2 State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

3 E. The Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall administer the  
4 Massage Therapy Practice Act as provided by statute in sections  
5 4200.1 through 4200.13 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes.  
6 Beginning on July 1, 2020, and thereafter the Board of Chiropractic  
7 Examiners shall have full responsibility for licensing individuals  
8 under the Massage Therapy Practice Act and enforcing the provisions  
9 of the act; provided, however, beginning July 1, 2020, until January  
10 1, 2021, any person who has been trained as a massage therapist who  
11 did not become licensed by May 1, 2017, under subsection A of  
12 Section 4200.5 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes may apply and  
13 shall be issued a license if the person meets the qualifications set  
14 forth in subsection A of Section 4200.5 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma  
15 Statutes.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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