

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 792

2016 Regular Session

Adams

MASSAGE THERAPISTS: Provides relative to the regulation of massage therapists

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deletes proposed law relative to licensure qualifications for residents of La.
2. Deletes proposed law relative to licensure qualifications for persons with out-of-state credentials.
3. Deletes proposed law relative to licensure by reciprocity.
4. Deletes proposed law relative to inspections of newly licensed massage establishments.
5. Deletes proposed law relative to the practice of massage therapy by unlicensed persons.
6. Deletes proposed law requiring rulemaking.
7. Deletes proposed law relative to scope of application.
8. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law defines the practice of massage therapy as the manipulation of soft tissue for the purpose of maintaining good health and establishing and maintaining good physical condition and provides for certain types of massage therapy such as acupuncture and reflexology.

Proposed law retains present law and adds trigger point massage as a type of massage therapy.

Present law regulates the advertising of massage therapy. Proposed law retains present law and requires advertisements containing pictorial representations of massage therapy, including video representations, to have depictions of massage therapists who are attired and posed in a manner as to avoid appealing to the prurient interest. Further requires persons representing clients to be appropriately draped and posed.

Proposed law authorizes state, municipal, or city enforcement representatives or officials to enforce provisions of present law and proposed law applicable to massage therapists and establishments. Prohibits such representatives or officials from imposing any additional rules or ordinances regarding zoning, educational requirements, or fees for licensure.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:3552(10); Adds R.S. 37:3564(C) and 3567(C))