Present law provides rules regarding licensure, qualifications, and exemptions for persons engaged in the practice of massage therapy.

Present law requires applicants for a massage therapist license to pay the application fee and submit evidence satisfactory to the La. Board of Massage Therapy that he or she has satisfactorily completed a minimum 500 hour in-class supervised course of studies pursuant to rules promulgated by the board in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that the minimum five hundred hours be supervised by an instructor. Proposed law further provides that hours above the required minimum 500 hours may be a combination of online and in-class hours.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:3556(1)(a))