

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 240

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

MASSAGE THERAPISTS: Provides relative to the licensed profession of massage therapy

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:3556(F), relative to the licensure of massage therapists; to provide for a
3 provisional license for massage therapy graduates; to require notification to a client;
4 to provide for a sunset date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:3556(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §3556. Licensure; qualifications; provisional licensure

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9 F. The board shall make available to any graduate of a state-approved,
10 Louisiana-based school for massage therapy a provisional license for immediate use
11 upon graduation at an established massage therapy business registered with the
12 board. The provisional license shall be active for one three-month term and shall not
13 be renewed. Any facility that employs a massage therapist who is operating under
14 a provisional license shall notify a client of the licensure status of a provisionally-
15 licensed massage therapist prior to the client receiving any services from that
16 massage therapist. A provisionally-licensed massage therapist may only work at a
17 facility that employs a massage therapist licensed pursuant to Subsection A of this
18 Section.

19 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall cease to be effective on December 31,
20 2025.

DIGEST

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HB 240 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Allows graduates of state-approved, Louisiana-based massage therapy schools to receive one three-month provisional license upon graduation.

Present law states the qualifications for licensure to the La. Board of Massage Therapy (board) and provides the methods for issuance to those qualified licensees.

Proposed law grants a three-month provisional license to massage therapy graduates in preparation for the board exam.

Proposed law does not allow for a renewal of the provisional license.

Proposed law requires a facility who employs a provisionally-licensed massage therapist to notify a customer that the massage therapist is operating under a provisional license prior to receiving services from that massage therapist.

Proposed law provides that a provisionally licensed massage therapist may only work at a facility that employs a massage therapist licensed pursuant to present law.

Proposed law shall cease to be effective on Dec. 31, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 37:3556(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Limit the provisional license to one three-month term.
2. Require a facility to notify a client that a massage therapist is operating under a provisional license prior to receiving services.
3. Add a sunset date of Dec. 31, 2025.
4. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that a provisionally licensed massage therapist may only work at a facility that employs a massage therapist licensed pursuant to the existing licensure provisions.
2. Make technical corrections.