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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing an exemption for the practice of reflexology  
2 from the licensure requirements for massage therapy.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 152C.1, subsection 3, Code 2001, is  
2 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:  
3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "Massage therapy" additionally  
4 does not include the practice of reflexology. As used in this  
5 subsection, "reflexology" means the application of specific  
6 pressures using thumb, finger, and hand techniques to zones  
7 and reflex areas in the feet and hands, with the objective of  
8 reducing tension, improving circulation, and promoting the  
9 natural functioning of the human body.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 152C.9 REFLEXOLOGY -- EXEMPTION.  
11 An individual who is engaged exclusively in the practice of  
12 reflexology, and whose professional practice does not  
13 incorporate aspects that constitute massage therapy as defined  
14 in section 152C.1, shall not be subject to the licensure  
15 provisions of this chapter.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides that the practice of reflexology shall  
18 not constitute "massage therapy" subject to the licensure  
19 provisions of Code chapter 152C. The bill defines  
20 "reflexology" as the application of specific pressures using  
21 thumb, finger, and hand techniques to zones and reflex areas  
22 in the feet and hands, with the objective of reducing tension,  
23 improving circulation, and promoting the natural functioning  
24 of the human body. The bill provides that to be exempt from  
25 licensure, an individual shall be exclusively engaged in the  
26 practice of reflexology and shall not incorporate in the  
27 individual's professional practice aspects that constitute  
28 massage therapy as defined in Code chapter 152C.

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