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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to massage therapy by providing for a study  
2 regarding the modalities associated with the practice of  
3 massage therapy, providing for an extension of time regarding  
4 licensure, and providing an effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 152C.5A MASSAGE THERAPY  
2 MODALITIES STUDY.

3 The Iowa department of public health, in conjunction with  
4 the board, shall conduct a study regarding the modalities  
5 associated with the practice of massage therapy. The study  
6 shall be conducted with the input of licensed massage  
7 therapists, reflexologists, and unlicensed persons practicing  
8 modalities related to massage therapy. The objective of the  
9 study shall be to determine which modalities shall be included  
10 under the definition of massage therapy and require licensure.  
11 The study shall focus on the health, safety, and welfare of  
12 the public regarding each of the modalities reviewed. The  
13 department shall submit a report summarizing the results of  
14 the study and making recommendations regarding modality  
15 inclusion to the general assembly by January 15, 2004.

16 Sec. 2. Section 152C.8, Code 2001, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 152C.8 TRANSITION PROVISIONS.

19 1. An applicant for a license to practice massage therapy  
20 applying prior to July 1, ~~2002~~ 2005, shall not be required to  
21 meet the completion of curriculum of massage therapy  
22 requirements contained in section 152C.3, subsection 1,  
23 paragraph "a". The applicant shall, however, be required to  
24 pass the board-approved national certification examination and  
25 pay the applicable licensing fee.

26 2. Applicants with a license that has lapsed prior to July  
27 1, ~~2000~~ 2002, who apply for reinstatement prior to July 1,  
28 ~~2002~~ 2005, shall be required to complete a reinstatement  
29 application and pay a renewal fee and reinstatement fee  
30 pursuant to section 147.11 and section 147.80, subsection 26.  
31 Penalty fees otherwise incurred pursuant to section 147.10,  
32 and continuing education requirements applicable to the period  
33 prior to licensure reinstatement, shall be waived by the  
34 board.

35 3. Applicants with a license that has lapsed prior to July

1 1, ~~2000~~ 2002, who do not apply for reinstatement prior to July  
2 1, ~~2002~~ 2005, shall be required to apply for reinstatement in  
3 accordance with lapsed license reinstatement provisions  
4 established by rule of the board.

5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
6 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides that the Iowa department of public  
9 health, in conjunction with the board of examiners for massage  
10 therapy, shall conduct a study regarding the modalities  
11 associated with the practice of massage therapy. The bill  
12 provides that the study shall be conducted with the input of  
13 licensed massage therapists, reflexologists, and unlicensed  
14 persons practicing modalities related to massage therapy. The  
15 bill provides that the study's objective shall be to determine  
16 which modalities shall be included under the definition of  
17 massage therapy and, therefore, require licensure, and that  
18 the study shall focus on the health, safety, and welfare of  
19 the public regarding each of the modalities reviewed. The  
20 bill provides for the submission of a report to the general  
21 assembly by January 15, 2004.

22 The bill additionally provides for the extension of  
23 transition provisions relating to licensure to practice  
24 massage therapy, such that applicants shall not be required to  
25 meet the completion of curriculum requirements contained in  
26 Code section 152C.3, until July 1, 2005.

27 The bill provides an immediate effective date.

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