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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing an exemption from massage therapy licensure
2 requirements for graduates of an approved curriculum of
3 massage education under specified circumstances.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 152C.7A, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 152C.7A TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS.

4 1. An individual who is engaged exclusively in the
5 practice of reflexology or an unlicensed individual who is
6 practicing a modality related to massage therapy, and whose
7 professional practice does not incorporate aspects that
8 constitute massage therapy as defined in section 152C.1, shall
9 not be subject to the licensure provisions of this chapter for
10 a one-year period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30,
11 2004. Beginning July 1, 2004, an individual who is engaged
12 exclusively in the practice of reflexology or an unlicensed
13 individual who is practicing a modality related to massage
14 therapy shall be subject to licensure pursuant to this chapter
15 unless, based upon the recommendations contained in the
16 massage therapy modalities study as provided in section
17 152C.5A, the practice of reflexology or an unlicensed
18 individual who is practicing a modality related to massage
19 therapy is permanently exempted from massage therapy
20 licensure.

21 2. Persons who have successfully completed a program
22 recognized by the board, who provide verification to the board
23 of the submission of an application and fee to the national
24 certification board for massage therapy in preparation for
25 taking the next regularly scheduled national certification
26 examination, and who are working under the supervision of a
27 person licensed pursuant to this chapter, shall not be subject
28 to the licensure provisions of this chapter pending the
29 receipt of the results of the examination. If the person does
30 not successfully pass the national certification examination,
31 this exemption shall not apply and continued practice shall be
32 subject to the penalty provisions of section 152C.4.

33 Sec. 2. Section 152C.9, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2005,
34 are amended to read as follows:

35 2. Persons who are licensed, registered, or certified in

1 another state, territory, the District of Columbia, or a
2 foreign country when incidentally present in this state to
3 teach a course of instruction related to massage and bodywork
4 therapy or to consult with a person licensed ~~under-subtitle-3~~
5 ~~of-this-title~~ pursuant to this chapter.

6 3. Students enrolled in a program recognized by the board
7 while completing a clinical requirement for graduation
8 performed under the supervision of a person licensed under
9 ~~subtitle-3-of-this-title~~ pursuant to this chapter.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that an applicant for licensure as a
12 massage therapist, having successfully completed a program
13 recognized by the board of massage therapy examiners, can
14 practice massage therapy under the supervision of a licensed
15 massage therapist pending receipt of the results of their
16 licensure examination.

17 The bill provides that to qualify for this exemption from
18 licensure, the applicant must verify the submission of an
19 application and fee to the national certification board for
20 massage therapy in preparation for taking the next regularly
21 scheduled national certification examination. In the event
22 the examination is not passed, the bill provides that
23 continued practice shall be subject to the penalty provisions
24 of Code section 152C.4.

25 The bill makes technical changes to two other exemption
26 provisions, clarifying references to the chapter's licensing
27 requirements.

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