

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6698

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Exempting reflexologists from regulation as massage practitioners.

Sponsors: Senators Thibaudeau and Deccio.

Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care
House Committee on Health Care

Background: Reflexology involves applying varying amounts of pressure at specified points on the body, most often on the hands, feet, and ears. These points correspond to distant areas throughout the body.

Under the Massage Practice Act, reflexology is part of the practice of massage.

Summary: An exemption to the Massage Practice Act is provided for the practice of reflexology which is limited to the hands, feet, and outer ears. Additionally, the term "facial" is corrected to "fascial."

The Department of Health must review implementation of this act and make recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2005.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	40	8
House	96	0

Effective: June 13, 2002