
**Health Care & Wellness
Committee**

HB 1397

Brief Description: Revising the definition of massage therapy to include manipulation or pressure inside the mouth or oral cavity.

Sponsors: Representatives Campbell, Kenney, Curtis, Cody and Upthegrove.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the definition of "massage therapy" to include manipulation or pressure inside the mouth for therapeutic purposes.

Hearing Date: 2/13/07

Staff: Chris Cordes (786-7103).

Background:

Massage therapy is a health care service involving the external manipulation or pressure of soft tissue for therapeutic purposes. Massage techniques include tapping, compression, friction, Swedish gymnastics, gliding, kneading, shaking, and fascial or connective tissue stretching.

Any person practicing or representing himself or herself as a massage practitioner must be licensed by the Department of Health.

Summary of Bill:

The definition of "massage therapy" is expanded to cover manipulation or pressure inside the mouth or oral cavity for therapeutic purposes.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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