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By House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Kenney, Curtis, Cody and Upthegrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of massage therapy; amending RCW
2 18.108.010; and adding a new section to chapter 18.108 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.010 and 2002 c 277 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the
7 following meanings shall apply:

8 (1) "Board" means the Washington state board of massage.

9 (2) "Massage" and "massage therapy" mean a health care service
10 involving the external manipulation or pressure of soft tissue for
11 therapeutic purposes. Massage therapy includes techniques such as
12 tapping, compressions, friction, Swedish gymnastics or movements,
13 gliding, kneading, shaking, and fascial or connective tissue
14 stretching, with or without the aids of superficial heat, cold, water,
15 lubricants, or salts. Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or
16 attempts to adjust or manipulate any articulations of the body or spine
17 or mobilization of these articulations by the use of a thrusting force,
18 nor does it include genital manipulation.

1 (3) "Massage practitioner" means an individual licensed under this
2 chapter.

3 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
4 designee.

5 (5) "Massage business" means the operation of a business where
6 massages are given.

7 (6) "Animal massage practitioner" means an individual with a
8 license to practice massage therapy in this state with additional
9 training in animal therapy.

10 (7) "Intraoral massage" means the manipulation or pressure of soft
11 tissue inside the mouth or oral cavity for therapeutic purposes.

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.108 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) A massage practitioner licensed under this chapter may apply
15 for an endorsement to perform intraoral massage upon completion of
16 training determined by the board and specified in rules. Training must
17 include intraoral massage techniques, cranial anatomy, physiology, and
18 kinesiology, hygienic practices, safety and sanitation, pathology, and
19 contraindications.

20 (2) A massage practitioner who has obtained an intraoral massage
21 endorsement to his or her massage practitioner license may practice
22 intraoral massage.

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