
HOUSE BILL 2859

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By Representatives Williams, Hinkle, Moeller, and Green

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1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of massage therapy; amending RCW
2 18.108.070; 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 18.108.070 and 1991 c 3 s 257 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The secretary shall issue a massage practitioner's license to an
7 applicant who demonstrates to the secretary's satisfaction that the
8 following requirements have been met:

9 (1) Effective June 1, 1988, successful completion of a course of
10 study in an approved massage program or approved apprenticeship
11 program;

12 (2) Successful completion of an examination administered or
13 approved by the board; ~~((and))~~

14 (3) Completion of a number of hours of continuing education
15 courses, as determined and approved by the board, every two years; and

16 (4) Be eighteen years of age or older.

17 In addition, applicants shall be subject to the grounds for denial
18 or issuance of a conditional license under chapter 18.130 RCW.

1 The secretary may require any information and documentation that
2 reasonably relates to the need to determine whether the applicant meets
3 the criteria for licensure provided for in this chapter and chapter
4 18.130 RCW. The secretary shall establish by rule what constitutes
5 adequate proof of meeting the criteria. The board shall give an
6 appropriate alternate form of examination for persons who cannot read
7 or speak English to determine equivalent competency.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.108 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) The secretary must grant a massage practitioner an inactive
11 credential if the massage practitioner submits a letter to the board
12 stating his or her intent to obtain an inactive credential, and he or
13 she:

14 (a) Holds an active Washington state massage practitioner's
15 license;

16 (b) Is in good standing, as determined by the board; and

17 (c) Does not practice massage in the state of Washington.

18 (2) The secretary may reinstate the massage practitioner's license
19 if the massage practitioner:

20 (a) Pays the current active renewal fee and other fees for active
21 licensure;

22 (b) Provides a written declaration that:

23 (i) No action has been taken by a state or federal jurisdiction or
24 hospital which would prevent or restrict the practitioner's practice of
25 massage therapy;

26 (ii) He or she has not voluntarily given up any credential or
27 privilege or been restricted in the practice of massage therapy to
28 avoid other sanctions;

29 (iii) He or she has satisfied continuing education and competency
30 requirements for the two most recent years; and

31 (c) Meets other requirements for reinstatement, as may be
32 determined by the board.

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