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By Representatives Kraft, Wylie, Harris, Cody, Vick, and Hoff

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1 AN ACT Relating to the licensure and certification of massage
2 therapists and reflexologists; and reenacting and amending RCW
3 18.108.070.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.070 and 2016 c 53 s 3 and 2016 c 41 s 6 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The secretary shall issue a massage therapist's license to an
8 applicant who demonstrates to the secretary's satisfaction that the
9 following requirements have been met:

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

13 (b) Successful completion of an examination administered or
14 approved by the board; and

15 (c) Be eighteen years of age or older.

16 (2) Beginning July 1, 2013, the secretary shall issue a
17 reflexologist certification to an applicant who completes an
18 application form that identifies the name and address of the
19 applicant and the certification request, and demonstrates to the
20 secretary's satisfaction that the following requirements have been
21 met:

1 (a) Successful completion of a course of study in reflexologist
2 program approved by the secretary;

3 (b) Successful completion of an examination administered or
4 approved by the secretary; and

5 (c) Be eighteen years of age or older.

6 (3) Applicants for a massage therapist's license or for
7 certification as a reflexologist shall be subject to the grounds for
8 denial or issuance of a conditional credential under chapter 18.130
9 RCW.

10 (4) The secretary may require any information and documentation
11 that reasonably relates to the need to determine whether the massage
12 therapist or reflexologist applicant meets the criteria for licensure
13 provided for in this chapter and chapter 18.130 RCW. The secretary
14 shall establish by rule what constitutes adequate proof of meeting
15 the criteria.

16 (5) Beginning January 1, 2020, a licensed massage therapist or a
17 certified reflexologist must have government-issued photo
18 identification on his or her person at all times he or she practices
19 massage therapy or reflexology. The government-issued photo
20 identification must bear the same name as the massage therapy license
21 or reflexology certification.

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