
DIGEST

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Abstract: Exempts certain registered nurses from the massage therapy licensure requirement.

Present law prohibits any person from engaging in the practice of massage therapy without a current license issued by the La. Board of Massage Therapy.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception for a licensed registered nurse if both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The massage services provided to a patient are incidental to the nursing services provided to the patient.
- (2) The licensed registered nurse providing the massage services does not advertise as a massage therapist otherwise required to be licensed as such.

Present law prohibits a person not holding a license as a massage therapist, physical therapist, or chiropractor, a certificate to practice athletic training, or a license as a massage establishment from using the words "massage", "body work", or any derivative or variation of the word "massage", including specific bodywork or massage modalities, on any sign or other form of advertising.

Proposed law retains present law but adds registered nurses to the list of exempted occupations.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:3564(A); Adds R.S. 37:3553(B)(2)(d))