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SENATE BILL NO. 286

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS. Provides for licensure and qualifications of massage therapists. (8/1/22)

| 1  | AN ACT   |
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| 2  | To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3556(1)(a), relative to massage therapists; to provide relative |
| 3  | to licensure and qualifications of massage therapists; to provide for the methods of         |
| 4  | instruction; and to provide for related matters.   |
| 5  | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:   |
| 6  | Section 1. R.S. 37:3556(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:            |
| 7  | §3556. Licensure; qualifications   |
| 8  | A. No person shall engage in the practice of massage therapy without a                       |
| 9  | current license issued pursuant to this Chapter unless such person is exempt under           |
| 10 | the provisions of this Chapter. To receive a massage therapist license in the state of       |
| 11 | Louisiana, an applicant shall pay the application fee pursuant to R.S. 37:3562 and           |
| 12 | shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of meeting the following                     |
| 13 | requirements:  |
| 14 | (1)(a) Has satisfactorily completed a minimum five hundred hour in-class                     |
| 15 | supervised instructor-supervised course of studies pursuant to rules promulgated             |
| 16 | by the board in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.                            |
| 17 | (i) The five hundred hour course of studies requirement shall consist of                     |

in-class hours dedicated to the study of massage therapy techniques and clinical
practicum-related modalities.

(ii) The remaining hours outside of the massage therapy curriculum can
be a combination of online and in-class hours as approved for each individual
massage therapy program in the state of Louisiana.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yoursheka Butler.

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<u>Present law</u> provides rules regarding licensure, qualifications, and exemptions for persons engaged in the practice of massage therapy.

<u>Present law</u> requires applicants for a massage therapist license to pay the application fee and submit evidence satisfactory to the La. Board of Massage Therapy that he or she has satisfactorily completed a minimum 500 hour in-class supervised course of studies pursuant to rules promulgated by the board in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but requires that the minimum five hundred hours be supervised by an instructor. <u>Proposed law</u> further provides that hours above the required minimum 500 hours may be a combination of online and in-class hours.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:3556(1)(a))