

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 39

BY SENATOR MIZELL

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Provides for the licensed profession of massage therapy. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3556(F), relative to the licensure of massage therapists; to
3 provide for a provisional license for massage therapist graduates; to require
4 notification to a client; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:3556(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3556. Licensure; qualifications; provisional licensure

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F. The board shall make available to any graduate of a state-approved,

Louisiana-based school for massage therapy a provisional license for immediate

11 use upon graduation at an established massage therapy business registered with

12 the board. The provisional license shall be active for one three-month term and

13 shall not be renewed. Any facility that employs a massage therapist who is

14 operating under a provisional license shall notify a client of the licensure status

15 of a provisionally licensed massage therapist prior to the client receiving any

16 services from that massage therapist. A provisionally licensed massage therapist

17 may only work at a facility that employs a massage therapist licensed pursuant

to Subsection A of this Section.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 37:3556(F)) provides that the board shall make available to any graduate of a state-approved, La.-based school for massage therapy a provisional license for immediate use upon graduation at an established massage therapy business registered with the board.

Present law provides that the provisional license shall be active for one three-month term and shall not be renewed.

Present law provides that any facility that employs a massage therapist who is operating under a provisional license shall notify a client of the licensure status of a provisionally licensed massage therapist prior to the client receiving any services from that massage therapist. A provisionally licensed massage therapist may only work at a facility that employs a massage therapist pursuant to present law.

Present law provides that present law shall cease to be effective on December 31, 2025.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the December 31, 2025, sunset provision.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 37:3556(F))