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"AN ACT CONCERNING MASSAGE THERAPY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 20-206a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

5 As used in subsection (c) of section 19a-14, [and] sections 20-206a to
6 [20-206c] 20-206f, inclusive, and section 3 of this act:

7 (a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.

8 (b) "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

9 (c) ["Connecticut licensed massage"] "Massage therapist" means a
10 person who has been licensed to practice massage therapy under the
11 provisions of sections 20-206a to [20-206c] 20-206f, inclusive.

12 (d) "Massage therapy" means the systematic and scientific

13 manipulation and treatment of the soft tissues of the body, by use of
14 pressure, friction, stroking, percussion, kneading, vibration by manual
15 or mechanical means, range of motion and nonspecific stretching.
16 Massage therapy may include the use of oil, ice, hot and cold packs,
17 tub, shower, steam, dry heat, or cabinet baths, for the purpose of, but
18 not limited to, maintaining good health and establishing and
19 maintaining good physical and mental condition. Massage therapy
20 does not encompass diagnosis, the prescribing of drugs or medicines,
21 spinal or other joint manipulations, nor any service or procedure for
22 which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, natureopathy,
23 physical therapy, or podiatry is required by law.

24 (e) "Massage" shall have the same meaning as "massage therapy", as
25 defined in subsection (d) of this section.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 20-206b of the general statutes is
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
28 *January 1, 2008*):

29 (e) No person shall use the title ["Connecticut licensed massage
30 therapist"] "massage therapist", "licensed massage therapist", "massage
31 practitioner", "massagist", "masseur" or "masseuse", unless the person
32 holds a license issued in accordance with this section or other
33 applicable law.

34 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2008*) (a) As used in this section,
35 "advertise" includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of any card, sign
36 or device to any person; causing, permitting or allowing any sign or
37 marking on or in any building, vehicle or structure; advertising in any
38 newspaper or magazine, or the placement of any listing or
39 advertisement in any directory under a classification or heading that
40 includes the words "massage", "massage therapist", "massage therapy"
41 or "massage therapy establishment".

42 (b) No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall advertise any
43 of the services included in the definition of massage therapy in any
44 manner using the term or title "massage", unless such services are

45 performed by a massage therapist.

46 (c) Each person who holds a license as a massage therapist shall
47 include his or her license number in any advertisement for such
48 person's massage therapy services that appears in a newspaper,
49 telephone directory or other advertising medium.

50 (d) It shall be a violation of this section for any person who does not
51 hold a current license as a massage therapist to advertise massage
52 therapy services by using the term "massage", "massage therapist",
53 "licensed massage therapist", "massage practitioner", "massagist",
54 "masseur" or "masseuse".

55 Sec. 4. Section 20-206d of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

57 (a) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a
58 student of massage therapy enrolled in a school of massage therapy
59 which satisfies the requirements of section 20-206b from performing
60 work as a required component of his or her course of study at such
61 school, provided the student shall not hold himself or herself out as
62 licensed as a massage therapist and shall not receive compensation for
63 such work.

64 (b) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit an
65 instructor of massage therapy from demonstrating massage therapy
66 techniques as a component of a course of instruction in a course,
67 seminar or workshop, provided (1) the instruction is under the direct
68 supervision of a licensed massage therapist; (2) the instructor is not a
69 resident of this state; (3) the instructor does not represent himself or
70 herself as a [Connecticut licensed] massage therapist; (4) the instructor
71 is licensed or certified as a massage therapist in his or her home state,
72 territory or country, if such licensure or certification is required; (5) the
73 instructor does not receive compensation for massage therapy services,
74 other than compensation as an instructor; and (6) the demonstrated
75 massage therapy services are available only to persons enrolled in the
76 course, seminar or workshop.

77 (c) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit an
 78 out-of-state massage therapist who (1) is licensed or certified in
 79 another state whose standards for licensure or certification are
 80 equivalent to or greater than those required in this state, or (2) if
 81 licensure or certification is not required in such other state, is a
 82 member in good standing of the American Massage Therapy
 83 Association, from providing uncompensated massage therapy services
 84 during the Special Olympics or similar athletic competitions for
 85 persons with disabilities, provided such out-of-state massage therapist
 86 (A) does not represent himself or herself to be a [Connecticut licensed]
 87 massage therapist; (B) provides massage therapy under the
 88 supervision of a [Connecticut licensed] massage therapist; and (C) only
 89 provides massage therapy to persons participating in the Special
 90 Olympics or similar athletic competitions for persons with disabilities."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	20-206a
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	20-206b(e)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	20-206d