To: Subst. House Bill No. 5883  
File No. 628  
Cal. No. 606

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF MASSAGE THERAPY."

1. After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. Section 20-206g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2009):

(a) As used in this section, "advertise" includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of any card, sign or device to any person; causing, permitting or allowing any sign or marking on or in any building, vehicle or structure; advertising in any newspaper or magazine, or the placement of any listing or advertisement in any directory under a classification or heading that includes the words "massage", "massage therapist", "massage therapy" or "massage therapy establishment".

(b) No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall advertise any of the services included in the definition of massage therapy in any manner using the term or title "massage", unless such services are
performed by a massage therapist.

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

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

(e) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) or (d) of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor."