

H.B. 207

MASSAGE THERAPY PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS

Representative **Brian M. Greene** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 9 through 23:*

9 This bill modifies Title 58, Chapter 47b, Massage Therapy Practice Act, by exempting
10 certain ~~{persons}~~ individuals from licensure under the act.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

13 ▶ exempts ~~{a person}~~ an individual from licensure as a massage therapist if the
14 ~~{person}~~ individual is engaged

14 within the scope of practice of a profession with established standards and ethics

15 and ~~{:~~

16 ~~—————•—————}~~ limits the manipulation of the soft tissues of the body to the hands, feet, and ears

17 only, including the practice of reflexology and foot zone therapy; and

18 ~~{•uses touch, words, and directed movement to deepen awareness of existing~~

19 patterns of movement in the body, including the practice of the Feldenkrais

20 method, the Trager approach, and body-mind centering; or

21 ~~—————•—————touch is limited to that which is essential for palpation and affectation of the~~

22 human energy system; and}

23 ▶ makes technical changes.

2. *Page 3, Lines 63 through 73:*

63 (l) ~~[persons]~~ ~~{a person}~~ an individual performing gratuitous massage~~[-]; and~~

64 ~~(m)~~ ~~{a person}~~ an individual engaged within the scope of practice of a profession with
65 established

65 standards and ethics ~~{:~~

66 ~~————(i)——}~~ who limits the manipulation of the soft tissues of the body to the hands, feet, and

67 ears only, including the practice of reflexology and foot zone therapy ~~{:~~ .

68 ~~{(ii) who uses touch, words, and directed movement to deepen awareness of existing~~

69 patterns of movement in the body or to suggest new possibilities of movement, including the

70 practice of the Feldenkrais method, the Trager approach, and body-mind centering; or

71 ~~————(iii) in which touch is limited to that which is essential for palpation and affectation of~~

72 the human energy system.}

73 (2) This chapter may not be construed to authorize any individual licensed under this