

20	Other Special Clauses:
27	None
28	Utah Code Sections Affected:
29	AMENDS:
30	58-47b-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 34
31	58-47b-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 278
32	58-47b-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339
33	58-47b-303, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1996, Chapter 76
34	58-47b-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 403
35	58-47b-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 159
36	58-47b-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 318
37	58-47b-502, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 159
38	ENACTS:
39	58-47b-302.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953
40	58-47b-306 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
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42	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
43	Section 1. Section 58-47b-102 is amended to read:
44	58-47b-102. Definitions.
45	In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:
46	(1) "Board" means the Board of Massage Therapy created in Section 58-47b-201.
47	(2) "Breast" means the female mammary gland and does not include the muscles,
48	connective tissue, or other soft tissue of the upper chest.
49	(3) "Homeostasis" means maintaining, stabilizing, or returning to equilibrium the
50	muscular system.
51	(4) "Massage apprentice" means an individual licensed under this chapter as a massage
52	apprentice [to work under the direct supervision of a licensed massage therapist].
53	(5) "Massage assistant" means an individual licensed under this chapter as a massage
54	assistant.
55	(6) "Massage assistant in-training" means an individual licensed under this chapter as a
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5/	$\left[\frac{(5)}{(7)}\right]$ "Massage therapist" means an individual licensed under this chapter as a
58	massage therapist.
59	(8) "Massage therapy supervisor" means:
60	(a) a massage therapist who has at least three years of experience as a massage
61	therapist and has engaged in the lawful practice of massage therapy for at least 3,000 hours;
62	(b) a physical therapist licensed under Chapter 24b, Physical Therapy Practice Act;
63	(c) a physician licensed under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;
64	(d) an osteopathic physician licensed under Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical
65	Practice Act;
66	(e) an acupuncturist licensed under Chapter 72, Acupuncture Licensing Act; or
67	(f) a chiropractic physician licensed under Chapter 73, Chiropractic Physician Practice
68	Act.
69	(9) (a) "Practice of limited massage therapy" means:
70	(i) the systematic manual manipulation of the soft tissue of the body for a purpose
71	described in Subsection (10)(b);
72	(ii) seated chair massage;
73	(iii) the use of body wraps;
74	(iv) aromatherapy;
75	(v) reflexology; or
76	(vi) in connection with an activity described in this Subsection (9) the use of:
77	(A) the hands;
78	(B) a towel;
79	(C) a stone;
80	(D) a shell;
81	(E) a bamboo stick; or
82	(F) an herbal ball compress.
83	(b) "Practice of limited massage therapy" does not include work on an acute or
84	subacute injury.
85	[(6)] <u>(10)</u> "Practice of massage therapy" means:
86	(a) the examination, assessment, and evaluation of the soft tissue structures of the body
87	for the purpose of devising a treatment plan to promote homeostasis:

88	(b) the systematic manual or mechanical manipulation of the soft tissue of the body for
89	[the purpose of: (i)] the purpose of promoting the therapeutic health and well-being of a client[;
90	(ii)], enhancing the circulation of the blood and lymph[; (iii)], relaxing and lengthening
91	muscles[;(iv)], relieving pain[;(v)], restoring metabolic balance[; (vi)], or achieving
92	homeostasis[; or], or for any other purpose;
93	[(vii) other purposes;]
94	(c) the use of the hands or a mechanical or electrical apparatus in connection with this
95	Subsection $[(6)]$ (10) ;
96	(d) the use of rehabilitative procedures involving the soft tissue of the body;
97	(e) range of motion or movements without spinal adjustment as set forth in Section
98	58-73-102;
99	(f) [oil] the use of oil rubs, heat lamps, salt glows, hot and cold packs, or tub, shower,
100	steam, and cabinet baths;
101	(g) manual traction and stretching exercise;
102	(h) correction of muscular distortion by treatment of the soft tissues of the body;
103	(i) counseling, education, and other advisory services to reduce the incidence and
104	severity of physical disability, movement dysfunction, and pain;
105	(j) [similar or related] activities and modality techniques similar or related to the
106	activities and techniques described in this Subsection (10);
107	(k) [the] <u>a</u> practice described in this Subsection [$\frac{(6)}{(6)}$] $\frac{(10)}{(10)}$ on an animal to the extent
108	permitted by:
109	(i) Subsection 58-28-307(12);
110	(ii) the provisions of this chapter; and
111	(iii) division rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
112	Rulemaking Act; or
113	(1) providing, offering, or advertising a paid service using the term massage or a
114	derivative of the word massage, regardless of whether the service includes physical contact.
115	[(7)] (11) "Soft tissue" means the muscles and related connective tissue.
116	[(8)] (12) "Unlawful conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in Sections
117	58-1-501 and 58-47b-501.
118	[(9)] (13) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in

119	Sections 58-1-501 and 58-47b-502 and as may be further defined by division rule made in
120	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
121	Section 2. Section 58-47b-301 is amended to read:
122	58-47b-301. Licensure required.
123	(1) An individual shall hold a license issued under this chapter in order to engage in the
124	practice of massage therapy or the practice of limited massage therapy, except as specifically
125	provided in Section 58-1-307 or 58-47b-304.
126	(2) An individual shall have a license in order to:
127	(a) represent [himself] oneself as a massage therapist [or], massage apprentice,
128	massage assistant, or massage assistant in-training;
129	(b) represent [himself] oneself as providing a service that is within the practice of
130	massage therapy or the practice of limited massage therapy or use the word massage or any
131	other word to describe [such] the services; or
132	(c) charge or receive a fee or any consideration for providing a service that is within the
133	practice of massage therapy or the practice of limited massage therapy.
134	Section 3. Section 58-47b-302 is amended to read:
135	58-47b-302. License classifications Qualifications for licensure.
136	(1) The division shall issue licenses under this chapter in the classifications of:
137	(a) massage therapist; [and]
138	(b) massage apprentice[:];
139	(c) massage assistant; and
140	(d) massage assistant in-training.
141	(2) [Each] An applicant for licensure as a massage therapist shall:
142	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
143	(b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
144	(c) be 18 years [of age] old or older;
145	(d) have either:
146	(i) (A) graduated from a school of massage having a curriculum [which] that meets
147	standards established by division rule made in collaboration with the board and in accordance
148	with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; or
149	(B) completed equivalent education and training in compliance with division rule <u>made</u>

150	in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; or
151	(ii) completed a massage apprenticeship program consisting of a minimum of 1,000
152	hours of supervised training over a minimum of 12 months and in accordance with standards
153	established by [the] division [by] rule made in collaboration with the board and in accordance
154	with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
155	(e) pass [examinations]:
156	(i) the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Massage and Bodywork Licensing
157	Examination; or
158	(ii) any other examination established by [rule by the division] division rule made in
159	collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
160	Rulemaking Act.
161	(3) [Each] An applicant for licensure as a massage apprentice shall:
162	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
163	(b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
164	(c) be 18 years [of age] old or older;
165	(d) provide satisfactory evidence to the division that the [individual] applicant will
166	practice as a massage apprentice only under the direct supervision of a licensed massage
167	therapist in good standing [and who has] who, for at least 6,000 hours, has engaged in the
168	lawful practice of massage therapy as a licensed massage therapist [for not less than 6,000
169	hours]; and
170	(e) [successfully complete] pass an examination as required by division rule made in
171	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
172	(4) (a) An applicant for licensure as a massage assistant shall:
173	(i) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
174	(ii) pay a fee determined by the department in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
175	(iii) be 18 years old or older;
176	(iv) subject to Subsection (4)(b), complete at least 300 hours of education and training
177	approved by division rule made accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
178	Rulemaking Act;
179	(v) provide satisfactory evidence to the division that the applicant will practice as a
180	massage assistant only under the indirect supervision of a massage therapy supervisor; and

181	(vi) pass an examination as required by division rule made in accordance with Title
182	63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
183	(b) The 300-hour education and training requirement described in Subsection (4)(a)
184	shall include:
185	(i) at least 150 hours of education and training while the applicant is:
186	(A) enrolled in massage school; or
187	(B) licensed as a massage assistant in-training and under the direct supervision of a
188	massage therapist in good standing who, for at least 6,000 hours, has engaged in the lawful
189	practice of massage therapy; and
190	(ii) at least 150 hours of education and training while the applicant is:
191	(A) enrolled in massage school; or
192	(B) licensed as a massage assistant in-training and under the indirect supervision of a
193	massage therapist in good standing who, for at least 6,000 hours, has engaged in the lawful
194	practice of massage therapy.
195	(5) An applicant for licensure as a massage assistant in-training shall:
196	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
197	(b) pay a fee determined by the department in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
198	(c) be 18 years old or older; and
199	(d) provide satisfactory evidence to the division that the applicant will practice as a
200	massage assistant in-training under the supervision of a massage therapist for a period of no
201	more than six months for the purpose of satisfying the requirements described in Subsections
202	(4)(a)(iv) and (b) for licensure as a massage assistant.
203	(6) (a) A massage therapist may supervise at one time up to six individuals licensed as
204	a massage apprentice or massage assistant in-training.
205	(b) A massage therapy supervisor may supervise at one time up to six individuals
206	licensed as a massage assistant.
207	[(4) (a) Any] (7) A new massage therapist [or], massage apprentice, massage assistant,
208	or massage assistant in-training applicant shall submit [fingerprint cards in a form acceptable to
209	the division at the time the license application is filed and shall consent to a fingerprint
210	background check by the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification and the Federal Bureau of
211	Investigation regarding the application.] to and pass a criminal background check in accordance

212	with Section 58-4/b-302.1 and any requirements established by division rule made in
213	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
214	[(b) The division shall request the Department of Public Safety to complete a Federal
215	Bureau of Investigation criminal background check for each new massage therapist or
216	apprentice applicant through the national criminal history system (NCIC) or any successor
217	system.]
218	[(c) The cost of the background check and the fingerprinting shall be borne by the
219	applicant.]
220	[(5) (a) Any new massage therapist or massage apprentice license issued under this
221	section shall be conditional, pending completion of the criminal background check. If the
222	criminal background check discloses the applicant has failed to accurately disclose a criminal
223	history, the license shall be immediately and automatically revoked.]
224	[(b) Any person whose conditional license has been revoked under Subsection (5) (a)
225	shall be entitled to a post-revocation hearing to challenge the revocation. The hearing shall be
226	conducted in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.]
227	[(6) An applicant who successfully completes a fingerprint background check under
228	Subsection (4) may not be required by any other state or local government body to submit to a
229	second fingerprint background check as a condition of lawfully practicing massage therapy in
230	this state.]
231	Section 4. Section 58-47b-302.1 is enacted to read:
232	58-47b-302.1. Criminal background check.
233	(1) An applicant for licensure under this chapter who requires a criminal background
234	check shall:
235	(a) submit fingerprint cards in a form acceptable to the division at the time the license
236	application is filed; and
237	(b) consent to a fingerprint background check conducted by the Bureau of Criminal
238	Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the application.
239	(2) The division shall:
240	(a) in addition to other fees authorized by this chapter, collect from each applicant
241	submitting fingerprints in accordance with this section the fee that the Bureau of Criminal
242	<u>Identification</u> is authorized to collect for the services provided under Section 53-10-108 and the

243	fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for fingerprint processing for the purpose of
244	obtaining federal criminal history record information;
245	(b) submit from each applicant the fingerprint card and the fees described in
246	Subsection (2)(a) to the Bureau of Criminal Identification; and
247	(c) obtain and retain in division records a signed waiver approved by the Bureau of
248	Criminal Identification in accordance with Section 53-10-108 for each applicant.
249	(3) The Bureau of Criminal Identification shall, in accordance with the requirements of
250	Section 53-10-108:
251	(a) check the fingerprints submitted under Subsection (2)(b) against the applicable state
252	and regional criminal records databases;
253	(b) forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national
254	criminal history background check; and
255	(c) provide the results from the state, regional, and nationwide criminal history
256	background checks to the division.
257	(4) For purposes of conducting a criminal background check required under this
258	section, the division shall have direct access to criminal background information maintained
259	under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2, Bureau of Criminal Identification.
260	(5) The division may not disseminate outside of the division any criminal history
261	record information that the division obtains from the Bureau of Criminal Identification or the
262	Federal Bureau of Investigation under the criminal background check requirements of this
263	section.
264	(6) (a) A new license issued under this chapter is conditional pending completion of
265	the criminal background check.
266	(b) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, if the
267	criminal background check required in Subsection 58-47b-302(7) demonstrates the applicant
268	has failed to accurately disclose a criminal history, the license is immediately and automatically
269	revoked upon notice to the licensee by the division.
270	(c) A person whose conditional license is revoked under Subsection (6)(b) is entitled to
271	a postrevocation hearing to challenge the revocation.
272	(d) The division shall conduct a postrevocation hearing in accordance with Title 63G,
273	Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

274	(7) An applicant who successfully completes a background check under this section
275	may not be required by any other state or local government body to submit to a second
276	background check as a condition of lawfully engaging in the practice of massage therapy or the
277	practice of limited massage therapy in this state.
278	Section 5. Section 58-47b-303 is amended to read:
279	58-47b-303. Term of license Expiration Renewal.
280	(1) (a) [Each] Except as provided in Subsection (3), the division shall issue a license
281	[issued] under this chapter [shall be issued] in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle
282	established by [rule] division rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
283	Administrative Rulemaking Act.
284	(b) A renewal period may be extended or shortened by as much as one year to maintain
285	established renewal cycles or to change an established renewal cycle.
286	(2) [Each] Subject to Subsection (3), a license automatically expires on the expiration
287	date shown on the license unless renewed by the licensee in accordance with Section 58-1-308
288	(3) A massage assistant in-training license expires six months after the day on which
289	the division issues the massage assistant in-training license.
290	Section 6. Section 58-47b-304 is amended to read:
291	58-47b-304. Exemptions from licensure.
292	(1) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following
293	individuals may engage in the practice of massage therapy [as defined under this chapter,] or
294	the practice of limited massage therapy, subject to the stated circumstances and limitations,
295	without being licensed[, but may not represent themselves as a massage therapist or massage
296	apprentice:] under this chapter:
297	(a) a physician or surgeon licensed under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;
298	(b) a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act;
299	(c) a nurse licensed under Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, or under Chapter 44a,
300	Nurse Midwife Practice Act;
301	(d) a physical therapist licensed under Chapter 24b, Physical Therapy Practice Act;
302	(e) a physical therapist assistant licensed under Chapter 24b, Physical Therapy Practice
303	Act, while under the general supervision of a physical therapist;
304	(f) an osteopathic physician or surgeon licensed under Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic

303	Medicai Fractice Act,
306	(g) a chiropractic physician licensed under Chapter 73, Chiropractic Physician Practice
307	Act;
308	(h) a hospital staff member employed by a hospital, who practices massage as part of
309	the staff member's responsibilities;
310	(i) an athletic trainer licensed under Chapter 40a, Athletic Trainer Licensing Act;
311	(j) a student in training enrolled in a massage therapy school approved by the division;
312	(k) a naturopathic physician licensed under Chapter 71, Naturopathic Physician
313	Practice Act;
314	(l) (i) an occupational therapist licensed under Chapter 42a, Occupational Therapy
315	Practice Act; and
316	(ii) an occupational therapy assistant licensed under Chapter 42a, Occupational
317	Therapy Practice Act, while under the general supervision of an occupational therapist;
318	(m) an individual performing gratuitous massage; and
319	(n) an individual:
320	(i) certified by or through, and in good standing with, an industry organization that is
321	recognized by the division and that represents a profession with established standards and
322	ethics:
323	(A) who is certified to practice reflexology and whose practice is limited to the scope
324	of practice of reflexology;
325	(B) who is certified to practice a type of zone therapy, including foot zone therapy, and
326	whose practice is limited to the scope of practice for which the individual is certified;
327	(C) who is certified to practice ortho-bionomy and whose practice is limited to the
328	scope of practice of ortho-bionomy;
329	(D) who is certified to practice bowenwork and whose practice is limited to the scope
330	of practice of bowenwork; or
331	(E) who is certified to practice a type of brain integration and whose practice is limited
332	to the scope of practice for which the individual is certified;
333	(ii) whose clients remain fully clothed from the shoulders to the knees; and
334	(iii) whose clients do not receive gratuitous massage from the individual.
335	(2) An individual described in Subsection (1) may not represent oneself as a massage

336	therapist, massage apprentice, massage assistant, or massage assistant in-training.
337	(3) This chapter may not be construed to:
338	(a) authorize any individual licensed under this chapter to engage in any manner in the
339	practice of medicine as defined by the laws of this state[-];
340	[(3) This chapter may not be construed to:]
341	[(a)] (b) require insurance coverage or reimbursement for massage therapy or limited
342	massage therapy from third party payors; or
343	[(b)] (c) prevent an insurance carrier from offering coverage for massage therapy or
344	limited massage therapy.
345	Section 7. Section 58-47b-305 is amended to read:
346	58-47b-305. State and local jurisdiction.
347	(1) (a) The division is the only agency authorized to license individuals to [practice]
348	engage in the practice of massage therapy or the practice of limited massage therapy within the
349	state or any of [its] the state's political subdivisions.
350	(b) This chapter does not prevent any political subdivision of the state from enacting:
351	(i) ordinances governing the operation of establishments offering massages; or
352	(ii) ordinances regulating the practice of massage therapy or the practice of limited
353	massage therapy, if the ordinances are not less stringent than this chapter.
354	(2) This chapter does not prohibit any political subdivision of the state from
355	prosecuting [unlicensed individuals]:
356	(a) an unlicensed individual who is engaged in the practice of massage therapy [or
357	from prosecuting licensed individuals who are] or the practice of limited massage therapy; or
358	(b) a licensed individual who is engaged in unlawful conduct.
359	Section 8. Section 58-47b-306 is enacted to read:
360	58-47b-306. Required signage and disclosures.
361	(1) As used in this section, "massage establishment" means an establishment in which
362	an individual lawfully engages in the practice of massage therapy or the practice of limited
363	massage therapy.
364	(2) If a massage assistant or massage assistant in-training engages in the practice of
365	limited massage therapy at a massage establishment, the massage establishment shall
366	prominently display to the public a sign that indicates certain massage services offered at the

367	massage establishment are performed by a massage assistant or a massage assistant in-training.
368	(3) If an individual requests a massage service that is performed by a massage assistant
369	or a massage assistant in-training, the licensee performing or the massage therapy supervisor
370	supervising the massage service shall ensure that the individual is notified before scheduling or
371	agreeing to the massage service that the massage service is performed by a massage assistant or
372	massage assistant in-training.
373	Section 9. Section 58-47b-501 is amended to read:
374	58-47b-501. Unlawful conduct.
375	(1) "Unlawful conduct" includes:
376	[(1)] (a) practicing, engaging in, or attempting to practice or engage in the practice of
377	massage therapy without holding a current license as a massage therapist or a massage
378	apprentice under this chapter;
379	[(2)] (b) advertising or representing [himself as practicing] oneself as engaging in the
380	practice of massage therapy when not licensed to do so; [and]
381	(c) practicing, engaging in, or attempting to practice or engage in the practice of limited
382	massage therapy without holding a current license as a massage therapist, massage apprentice,
383	massage assistant, or massage assistant in-training under this chapter;
384	(d) advertising or representing oneself as engaging in the practice of limited massage
385	therapy when not licensed to do so; and
386	[(3)] (e) massaging, touching, or applying any instrument or device by a licensee in the
387	course of [practicing or] engaging in the practice of massage therapy or the practice of limited
388	massage therapy to the:
389	[(a)] <u>(i)</u> genitals;
390	[(b)] <u>(ii)</u> anus; or
391	[(c)] (iii) except as provided in Subsection (2), breasts of a female patron[,except when
392	a female patron].
393	(2) (a) Subsection (1)(e)(iii) does not apply if a female patron:
394	(i) requests breast massage, as may be further defined by division rule[, and signs a
395	written consent form, which must also include the signature of a parent or legal guardian if the
396	patron is a minor, authorizing the procedure and outlining the reason for it before the procedure
397	is performed.] made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking

398	Act; and
399	(ii) subject to Subsection (2)(b), signs a written consent form before each time the
400	procedure is performed.
401	(b) If the female patron is a minor, the female patron's parent or legal guardian shall
402	sign the written consent form described in Subsection (2)(a).
403	Section 10. Section 58-47b-502 is amended to read:
404	58-47b-502. Unprofessional conduct.
405	"Unprofessional conduct" includes the following and may be further defined by division
406	rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:
407	(1) maintaining, operating, or assisting in the establishment or operation of any place
408	of business for the purpose of performing the practice of massage therapy or the practice of
409	<u>limited massage therapy</u> without first obtaining a business license, if a license is required;
410	(2) failing to comply with any applicable ordinances relating to the regulation of
411	massage establishment;
412	(3) failing to comply with all applicable state and local health or sanitation codes;
413	(4) failing to properly supervise [an apprentice] a massage apprentice, massage
414	assistant, or massage assistant in-training;
415	(5) failing to maintain mechanical or electrical equipment in a safe operating condition;
416	(6) failing to adequately monitor patrons utilizing steam rooms, dry heat cabinets, or
417	water baths;
418	(7) prescribing or administering medicine or drugs;
419	(8) engaging in any act or practice in a professional capacity that is outside of the
420	practice of massage therapy or the practice of limited massage therapy; and
421	(9) engaging in any act or practice in a professional capacity for which the licensee is
422	not competent to perform through training or experience.