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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to amend the definition of the practice of massage therapy, to eliminate the practice of non-therapeutic massage without a license, and to repeal language regarding waiver of licensure requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Massage Therapy Amendment Act of 2009".

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 102(6B) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.02(6B)) is amended as follows:

Amend  
§ 3-1201.02

(1) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

“(A) "Practice of massage therapy" means the:

“(i) Performance of therapeutic maneuvers in which the practitioner applies massage techniques, including use of the hand or limb to apply touch and pressure to the human body through tapping, stroking, kneading, compression, friction, stretching, vibrating, holding, positioning, or causing movement of an individual's body to positively affect the health and well-being of the individual;

“(ii) Use of adjunctive therapies, including the application of heat, cold, water, and mild abrasives, but excluding galvanic stimulation, ultra sound, doppler vascularizers, diathermy, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, or traction; and

“(iii) Education and training of persons in massage therapy techniques.”.

(2) Subparagraph (D) is repealed.

(b) Section 103(d)(5) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.03(d)(5)) is amended by striking the phrase “, the practice of nontherapeutic massage,”.

Amend  
§ 3-1201.03  
Repeal  
§§ 3-1207.31,  
3-1207.32.

(c) Title VII-C (D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1207.31, 3-1207.32, and 3-1207.33) is repealed.

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Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

§ 3-1207.33

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia