

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 454

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE, HUMAN SERVICES AND RURAL HEALTH
POLICY

April 1

- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “687.031” insert “and 687.051”.
- 2 On page 2, delete lines 7 through 19 and insert:
- 3 “(B) Limit their work to one or more of the following practices:
- 4 “(i) Using touch, words and directed movement to deepen awareness of existing patterns of
- 5 movement and suggest new possibilities of movement;
- 6 “(ii) Using minimal touch over specific points on the body to facilitate balance in the nervous
- 7 system; or
- 8 “(iii) Using touch to affect the energy systems or channels of energy of the body;
- 9 “(C) Are certified by a professional organization or credentialing agency that:
- 10 “(i) Requires a minimum level of training, demonstration of competence and adherence to an
- 11 approved scope of practice and ethical standards; and
- 12 “(ii) Maintains disciplinary procedures to ensure adherence to the requirements of the organ-
- 13 ization or agency; and
- 14 “(D) Provide contact information in the practitioner’s place of business for any organization or
- 15 agency that has certified the practitioner.
- 16 “(2) The State Board of Massage Therapists has the authority to verify that a practitioner
- 17 claiming to be exempt from application of ORS 687.011 to 687.250, 687.895 and 687.991 under sub-
- 18 section (1)(j) of this section is certified by a professional organization or credentialing agency as
- 19 required by subsection (1)(j)(C) of this subsection.”.
- 20 In line 20, delete “(2)” and insert “(3)”.
- 21 After line 24, insert:
- 22 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 687.051 is amended to read:
- 23 “687.051. (1) To be eligible for issuance of an initial license in this state as a massage therapist,
- 24 the applicant shall:
- 25 “(a) Furnish the State Board of Massage Therapists with personal references required by rule
- 26 of the board.
- 27 “(b) Have attained the age of 18 years.
- 28 “(c) Furnish the board with educational certificates or transcripts required by law or rule of the
- 29 board including but not limited to proof of certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [*and the*
- 30 *subjects listed in paragraph (d) of this subsection*].
- 31 “(d)(A) Have completed a minimum of 500 contact hours of certified classes in the following
- 32 subjects:
- 33 “(i) Anatomy and physiology[.];
- 34 “(ii) Kinesiology[.];
- 35 “(iii) Pathology[, *hydrotherapy*.];

1 “(iv) Theory; and
2 “(v) Hands-on practice of massage and bodywork techniques and professional practices, includ-
3 ing client communication and boundaries, professional and business ethics and sanitation[. *The board*
4 *by rule may set the minimum number of required hours for each subject.*]; or
5 **“(B) Obtain the approval of the board after the board performs a credentialing review,**
6 **including but not limited to a review of the classes completed by the applicant and the**
7 **applicant’s professional experience, to determine the applicant’s proficiency in the field of**
8 **massage.**
9 “(e) Pass an examination prepared and conducted by the board or its authorized representative
10 establishing competency and ability to engage in the practice of massage. The examination must be
11 administered in the English language or another language approved by the board and may be in
12 written, oral or practical form and may test the applicant for the required level of knowledge and
13 skill in any subject related to massage and bodywork. The board shall accept passage of the Na-
14 tional Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork examination or another board-
15 approved national standardized examination as meeting the written examination requirement
16 contained in this paragraph.
17 “(f) Submit the application with payment for licensing within one year after notification of
18 having passed the qualifying examination.
19 “(2) An applicant must be a person of good moral character. For purposes of this section, the
20 lack of good moral character may be established by reference to acts or conduct reflecting moral
21 turpitude or to acts or conduct that would cause a reasonable person to have substantial doubts
22 about the applicant’s ability to practice massage in accordance with ORS 687.011 to 687.250, 687.895
23 and 687.991 and rules of the board.
24 “(3) The board may require that an applicant furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the
25 applicant can safely and competently practice the profession of massage. The board may consider
26 evidence including, but not limited to, indications of impairment as defined in ORS 676.303 or of
27 behavior, practices or conduct that would be considered unprofessional or dishonorable conduct if
28 engaged in by a person licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250, 687.895 and 687.991.
29 **“(4) The board shall adopt rules establishing the required hours for each subject listed**
30 **in subsection (1)(d)(A) of this section.**
31 “[(4)] (5) To be eligible for biennial renewal, a renewal applicant shall submit evidence to the
32 board, as determined by the board by rule, that the applicant has completed a minimum of 12 hours
33 of board-approved continuing education.
34 “[(5)] (6) To be eligible for inactive status, a licensed massage therapist must not be practicing
35 massage in this state.”.
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