

By the Committee on Health Care; and Senator Saunders

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the regulation of massage therapy; amending s. 480.034, F.S.; exempting certain settings where massage therapy is rendered from the licensure and inspection requirements for massage establishments; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) are added to section 480.034, Florida Statutes, to read:

480.034 Exemptions.--

(5) The licensure requirements of this chapter for establishments do not apply to the practice of massage therapy by a massage therapist:

(a) At the office of a medical physician licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, a chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460, an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under part I of chapter 464, an acupuncturist licensed under chapter 457, a podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461, a dentist licensed under chapter 466, or a physical therapist licensed under chapter 486;

(b) At the office of a massage therapist licensed under this chapter, if massage therapy is provided only to the patients of the massage therapist, or at the residence or office of a massage therapist's client, a sports event, a convention, or a trade show, excluding colonic irrigation, as provided by rules adopted by the board;

