

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to massage therapy; amending s. 480.041,
 3 F.S.; revising the qualifications for licensure of massage
 4 therapists; requiring that the licensing examination be
 5 approved by the Board of Massage Therapy; deleting a
 6 requirement that the examination be administered by the
 7 Department of Health; exempting persons from the
 8 examination upon completion of certain courses of study at
 9 certain accredited massage schools; providing an effective
 10 date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 480.041, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 480.041 Massage therapists; qualifications; licensure;
 17 endorsement.--

18 (1) Any person is qualified for licensure as a massage
 19 therapist under this act who:

20 (a) Is at least 18 years of age or has received a high
 21 school diploma or graduate equivalency diploma;

22 (b) Has completed a course of study at a board-approved
 23 massage school or has completed an apprenticeship program that
 24 meets standards adopted by the board; and

25 (c) Has received a passing grade on a board-approved an
 26 examination or has completed a course of study at a board-
 27 approved massage school that is accredited by an accrediting

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28 | agency recognized by the United States Department of Education
29 | ~~administered by the department.~~

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.