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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Gaetz moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1686 and 1687

insert:

Section 16. Section 480.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

480.041 Massage therapists; qualifications; temporary permits; licensure; endorsement.-

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

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

(b) Has completed a course of study at a board-approved



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14 massage school or has completed an apprenticeship program that
15 meets standards adopted by the board; and

16 (c) Has received a passing grade on an examination
17 administered by the department.

18 (2) Every person desiring to be examined for licensure as a
19 massage therapist shall apply to the department in writing upon
20 forms prepared and furnished by the department. Such applicants
21 shall be subject to the provisions of s. 480.046(1). Applicants
22 may take an examination administered by the department only upon
23 meeting the requirements of this section as determined by the
24 board.

25 (3) Upon an applicant's passing the examination and paying
26 the initial licensure fee, the department shall issue to the
27 applicant a license, valid until the next scheduled renewal
28 date, to practice massage.

29 (4) The board shall adopt rules:

30 (a) Establishing a minimum training program for
31 apprentices.

32 (b) Providing for educational standards, examination, and
33 certification for the practice of colonic irrigation, as defined
34 in s. 480.033(6), by massage therapists.

35 (c) Specifying licensing procedures for practitioners
36 desiring to be licensed in this state who hold an active license
37 and have practiced in any other state, territory, or
38 jurisdiction of the United States or any foreign national
39 jurisdiction which has licensing standards substantially similar
40 to, equivalent to, or more stringent than the standards of this
41 state.

42 (5) If the board determines that an applicant has met all



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43 of the qualifications for licensure under this section, with the
44 exception of paragraphs (1) (c), (4) (b), and (4) (c), and the
45 applicant has graduated from an accredited school recognized by
46 the United States Department of Education, the board may issue
47 the applicant a temporary permit to practice massage therapy.

48 (a) If an applicant desires to practice massage therapy
49 before becoming licensed through examination and has completed a
50 course of study at a board-approved massage school, the
51 applicant may apply for a temporary permit in accordance with
52 rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

53 (b) A temporary permit issued by the board is valid until
54 the applicant fails the massage licensure examination or the
55 applicant receives a massage license, but for no longer than 6
56 months.

57 (c) An applicant for licensure by examination that is
58 practicing under a temporary permit shall do so only under the
59 supervision of a licensed massage therapist that has a full,
60 active, and unencumbered license.

61 Section 17. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (1) of
62 section 480.044, Florida Statutes, to read:

63 480.044 Fees; disposition.—

64 (1) The board shall set fees according to the following
65 schedule:

66 (m) Temporary permit fee, not to exceed \$50.

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68 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

69 And the title is amended as follows:

70 Delete line 93

71 and insert:



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72 criminal conduct; amending s. 480.041, F.S.;

73 authorizing the Board of Massage Therapy to issue a

74 temporary permit to an individual who meets certain

75 requirements to practice massage therapy; providing

76 limitations; amending s. 480.044. F.S.; authorizing

77 the Board of Massage Therapy to charge a fee for a

78 temporary permit; amending s. 499.01, F.S.; exempting