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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/09/2011	.	
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The Committee on Health Regulation (Garcia) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 480.041, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(5) An applicant for a temporary permit shall apply to the department in writing upon forms prepared and furnished by the department in accordance with the board's rules.

(a) The board may issue a temporary permit to practice



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13 massage therapy to an applicant who:

14 1. Graduates from a massage therapy school that is
15 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United
16 States Department of Education.

17 2. Meets all of the qualifications for licensure under this
18 section, except for the provision of paragraph (1)(b) that
19 pertains to the completion of an apprenticeship program and
20 paragraphs (1)(c), (4)(b), and (4)(c).

21 (b) If an applicant desires to practice massage therapy
22 before becoming licensed by examination and completes a course
23 of study at a massage school that has been board-approved and
24 accredited under (5)(a)1., the applicant may apply for a
25 temporary permit in accordance with rules adopted under this
26 chapter.

27 (c) A temporary permit is valid for 6 months after issuance
28 by the board or until the applicant fails the massage licensure
29 examination or receives a massage therapist license, whichever
30 occurs first.

31 (d) An applicant for licensure by examination who practices
32 under a temporary permit may practice massage therapy only under
33 the supervision of a licensed massage therapist who has a full,
34 active, and unencumbered license.

35 Section 2. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (1) of
36 section 480.044, Florida Statutes, to read:

37 480.044 Fees; disposition.—

38 (1) The board shall set fees according to the following
39 schedule:

40 (m) Temporary permit fee: \$50.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 3, 2012.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to massage therapy; amending s.
480.041, F.S.; requiring applicants to apply for a
temporary permit upon forms prepared and furnished by
the Department of Health in accordance with the Board
of Massage Therapy's rules; authorizing the Board of
Massage Therapy to issue temporary permits to
applicants who meet certain qualifications to practice
massage therapy; providing for the expiration of
temporary permits; providing limitations; amending s.
480.044, F.S.; providing for a temporary permit fee;
providing an effective date.