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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 216
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Definition**” insert “, **Registration,**”; in line 3, before “repealing” insert “altering the date after which the option to be registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in a setting that is not a health care setting will no longer be available;”; in line 11, after “6-101(a)” insert “and 6-301(a)”; in line 16, after “6-101(f)(3)” insert “and 6-302(c) and (e)”; after line 23, insert:

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 10, insert:

“6-301.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, before an individual may practice massage therapy in the State, the individual shall be:

(1) On or before October 31, 2026:

(i) Licensed by the Board; or

(ii) Registered by the Board to practice massage therapy in a setting that is not a health care setting; or

(2) On or after November 1, 2026, licensed by the Board.

6-302.

(c) On or before September 30, [2023] 2024, to qualify to be registered, an applicant shall be an individual who:

(1) Is of good moral character;

(2) Is at least 18 years old;

(3) Has graduated from a program for the study of massage therapy with a curriculum:

(i) Approved by the Board;

(ii) Endorsed by:

1. The Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation; or

2. An equivalent entity that is an accrediting agency or organization that accredits both institutions of higher education and programs offering instruction in massage therapy;

(iii) Accredited by an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; and

(iv) That requires at least 600 contact hours of classroom instruction that includes the following areas of content:

1. Anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology;
2. Massage therapy theory;
3. Contraindications and pathology;
4. Professional ethics;
5. Health and hygiene;
6. Research;
7. Supervised hands-on techniques; and
8. Clinical assessment and documentation;

(4) Has passed an examination approved by the Board; and

(5) Submits to a criminal history records check in accordance with § 6–303 of this subtitle.

(e) On or after October 1, [2023] 2024, the Board may not issue an initial registration to practice as a registered massage practitioner.”.

On page 2, after line 16, insert:

“Chapter 705 of the Acts of 2022

(Over)

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an individual registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners on October 1, [2023] 2024, shall be considered, in all respects, registered as a registered massage practitioner by the Board and, subject to the provisions of this Act, for the remainder of the term of the individual’s registration.

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