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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SALVA (Sponsor) AND PORTWOOD (Co-sponsor).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 324.270, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to licensure of massage therapists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 324.270, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 324.253 and 324.270, to read as follows:

324.253. 1. The requirements for licensure of massage therapists in this state shall not apply to persons who are licensed, registered, or certified by another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country if:

(1) The requirements for licensure, registration, or certification are equivalent to those in this state; and

(2) Such persons are incidentally called into this state to teach a course related to massage and bodywork therapy, or to provide massage therapy services as part of an emergency response team working in conjunction with disaster relief officials.

2. Any person not licensed in this state who wishes to provide massage therapy services at special events such as conventions, sporting events, and traveling shows or exhibitions shall hold a current Missouri special events massage therapist permit, renewable annually, for a fee to be determined by the board of therapeutic massage and bodywork. To qualify for a Missouri special events massage therapist permit, a person must be licensed, registered, or certified by another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country where the requirements for licensure, registration, or certification are equivalent to those of this state.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is proposed language.

324.270. A person who does not hold a license to practice massage therapy or a license
2 to operate a massage business or is not exempted from obtaining a license pursuant to subsection
3 7 of section 324.265 shall not use the words "massage", "body work", or any of their synonyms
4 on any sign or in any other form of advertising, unless specifically exempted by the board. [Any
5 advertisement by a massage therapist or a massage business shall contain the license or
6 registration number of such therapist or business.]