

HB 1658 -- Massage Therapy

Sponsor: Behnen

This bill changes the laws regarding massage therapy. The bill:

- (1) Authorizes the Board of Therapeutic Massage to promulgate rules establishing requirements for granting licenses for applicants from other states who have completed massage therapy programs which are less than 500 hours;
- (2) Prohibits massage therapy businesses from employing an unlicensed person for the purpose of performing massage therapy services;
- (3) Requires that copies of all board survey inspections of massage businesses be sent to the business within 30 days of the inspection;
- (4) Allows the board to waive or extend the time requirements for completion of continuing education requirements under certain circumstances as determined by the board;
- (5) Exempts nonresident licensed massage therapists from licensure if they are providing services or instruction in conjunction with disaster relief or at special events; and
- (6) Allows the board to contract for legal services.