

HB 1419 -- MASSAGE THERAPISTS

This bill changes the laws regarding the licensing of massage therapists. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires applicants to be of good moral character;
- (2) Requires completion of a program of massage therapy studies as defined by the Board of Therapeutic Massage within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration;
- (3) Requires that all massage therapy instruction be supervised;
- (4) Allows a person completing a massage therapy program of less than 500 hours of supervised instruction to submit an application for licensure and requires the board to establish the requirements to be completed prior to being issued a license; and
- (5) Allows for the extension of a provisional license.