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HOUSE BILL 393

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS TO THE
MESSAGE THERAPY PRACTICE ACT.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. A new section of the Message Therapy Practice
Act is enacted to read:**

**" [NEW MATERIAL] EXEMPTIONS. -- Nothing in the Message
Therapy Practice Act shall be construed to prevent:**

**A. qualified members of other recognized
professions that are licensed or regulated under New Mexico
law from rendering services within the scope of their license
or regulation; provided they do not represent themselves as
massage therapists;**

**B. students from rendering massage therapy
services within the course of study of an approved massage**

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1 therapy school and under the supervision of a licensed massage
2 therapy instructor;

3 C. visiting massage therapy instructors from
4 another state or territory of the United States, the District
5 of Columbia or any foreign nation from teaching massage
6 therapy; provided the instructor is duly licensed or
7 registered, if required, and is qualified in his place of
8 residence for the practice of massage therapy. The board
9 shall establish by rule the duration of stay for a visiting
10 massage therapy instructor; and

11 D. sobadores; Hispanic traditional healers; Native
12 American healers; reflexologists whose practices are limited
13 to hands, feet and ears; or other healers who do not
14 manipulate the soft tissues for therapeutic purposes from
15 practicing those skills. Healers who use these practices and
16 who apply for a license or registration pursuant to the
17 Massage Therapy Practice Act shall comply with all licensure
18 requirements of that act. "