

HOUSE BILL 555

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE; REQUIRING THAT A LICENSE TO PRACTICE
MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUED UNDER THE MASSAGE THERAPY PRACTICE ACT
SHALL CONTAIN A PHOTO OF THE LICENSE HOLDER.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61-12C-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,
Chapter 147, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-12C-9. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE OF MASSAGE
THERAPISTS.--

A. The board shall issue a license to practice
massage therapy to any individual who files a completed
application, accompanied by the required fees, and who submits
satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

- (1) has reached the age of majority;
- (2) has completed all educational requirements

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1 established by the board; and

2 (3) has completed at least six hundred fifty
3 hours of education that includes at least five hundred hours of
4 massage therapy instruction.

5 B. An initial license issued pursuant to this
6 section may be for a period of up to two years pursuant to
7 board rule.

8 C. A license issued by the board pursuant to this
9 section shall contain a clear and easily visible photo of the
10 license holder."

11 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
12 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.