

1 SENATE BILL 235

2 **47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSING; EXEMPTING PRACTITIONERS OF POLARITY AND
12 REIKI FROM THE MASSAGE THERAPY PRACTICE ACT.

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

15 Section 1. Section 61-12C-5.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
16 Chapter 121, Section 1) is amended to read:

17 "61-12C-5.1. EXEMPTIONS.--Nothing in the Massage Therapy
18 Practice Act shall be construed to prevent:

19 A. qualified members of other recognized
20 professions that are licensed or regulated under New Mexico law
21 from rendering services within the scope of their [~~license or~~
22 ~~regulation~~] licenses or regulations; provided they do not
23 represent themselves as massage therapists;

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

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1 school and under the supervision of a licensed massage therapy
2 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~~] the
8 instructor's place of residence for the practice of massage
9 therapy. The board shall establish by rule the duration of
10 stay for a visiting massage therapy instructor; and

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