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HOUSE BILL 847

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSING; EXEMPTING PRACTITIONERS OF CERTAIN
HEALING MODALITIES FROM THE MASSAGE THERAPY PRACTICE ACT.

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

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

"61-12C-5.1. EXEMPTIONS.--Nothing in the Massage 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~~] licenses or regulations; 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 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]~~ a 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; ~~[or other healers]~~ practitioners of
14 polarity, Trager approach, Feldenkrais method, craniosacral
15 therapy, Rolfing structural integration, reiki, ortho-bionomy
16 or ch'i gung; or practitioners of healing modalities not listed
17 in this subsection who do not manipulate the soft tissues for
18 therapeutic purposes from practicing those skills. ~~[Healers~~
19 ~~who use these practices and who apply]~~ An exempt practitioner
20 who applies for a license or registration pursuant to the
21 Massage Therapy Practice Act shall comply with all licensure
22 requirements of that act."