

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

C. visiting massage therapy instructors from  
another state or territory of the United States, the District  
of Columbia or a foreign nation from teaching massage therapy;  
provided the instructor is duly licensed or registered, if  
required, and is qualified in the instructor's place of  
residence for the practice of massage therapy. The board  
shall establish by rule the duration of stay for a visiting

massage therapy instructor; and

D. sobadores; Hispanic traditional healers; Native American healers; reflexologists whose practices are limited to hands, feet and ears; practitioners of polarity, Trager approach, Feldenkrais method, craniosacral therapy, Rolfing structural integration, reiki, ortho-bionomy or ch'i gung; or practitioners of healing modalities not listed in this subsection who do not manipulate the soft tissues for therapeutic purposes from practicing those skills. An exempt practitioner who applies for a license or registration pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act shall comply with all licensure requirements of that act."