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House Bill 110

Sectional Analysis

"An Act relating to the practice of massage therapy; relating to the Board of Massage Therapists; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1: Amends AS 08.61.020. Duties and powers of board. Includes language allowing the board to adopt regulations governing massage therapy establishments.

Section 2: Amends AS 08.61.030. Qualifications for license. Increases the number of hours of in-class supervised instruction and clinical work from an approved massage school from 500 hours to 625 hours and reduces the number of hours of safety education covering bloodborne pathogens from four hours to two hours.

Section 3: Amends AS 08.61 to include a new section **AS 08.61.085. Application for an exemption.** Allows the board to issue an exemption from the licensure requirements of this chapter to persons who submit an application, pay a registration fee, and submits proof that the person meet the requirements. Exemptions authorized under this section are valid for 10 years or until the person's scope of practice changes. Exemptions may be renewed.

Section 4: Amends 08.61.090. Fees. Allows the department to set fees for the application for an exemption or exemption renewal as set out by Section 3.

Section 5: Repeals statute language now contained in Section 3.

Section 6: Amends uncodified law to allow for the Board to adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. Regulations under this provision take effect on or after the effective date of the bill.

Section 7: Establishes an immediate effective date for adopting regulations

Section 8: Establishes a July 1, 2019 effective date.