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Explanation of Changes to CSHB 328 (L&C)

“An Act establishing a Board of Massage Therapists; relating to the licensing of massage therapists; and providing for an effective date.”

Section 4, page 3, line 30 – Insert “...or board approved apprenticeship program.”

Section 4, page 3, line 24 – Delete board, insert: **department**, same on page 4, line 18. The department recommended change from the board to the **department** for application processing.

Section 4, page 7, line 31 – Delete: awareness and education developed by Ida Rolf; and page 8, lines 1-4 – Insert: “**and awareness who has graduated from a program or is a current member if an organization recognized by the International Association of Structural Integrators, including but not limited to the Rolf Institute of Structural Integration.**” This change tightens exemption language for structural integrators and Rolfers.

Section 4, page 8, lines 3-4 – Delete “including the Feldenkrais method of somatic education, the Trager approach to movement education, and body-mind centering.

Page 8, lines 3 – Insert “**or to affect the energy systems.**”

Page 8, lines 5-8 – Delete all material.

Page 8 lines 5 – insert: **light**. This change combined exemptions (11) and (12) to define a category of exempted practices and not name individual modalities. “person using only light touch words and direction movement to deepen awareness of existing patterns of movement in the body as well as to suggest new possibilities of movement or to affect the energy systems.”

Section 4, page 9, line 5 – Insert “**the practice of physical therapy**” in the definition, so that massage therapists do not practice physical therapy.

Section 11: In transition language on page 11, line 3 – Delete: **(3)**

This will now read: “meets the requirements of AS 08.61.030 (1), (2), (4-6), (9) enacted by section 4 of this Act. The intent is to waive the 500hr education for currently practicing therapists to be grandfathered in, if they meet the outlined requirements.