

SENATE BILL NO. 104

INTRODUCED BY E. ARNTZEN

BY REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING ALL LICENSEES FOR THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY TO MEET SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE; REMOVING THE GRANDFATHER STATUS OF CERTAIN LICENSEES; AMENDING SECTION 37-33-501, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 37-33-503, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 37-33-501, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-33-501. License required -- enjoining unlawful practice. (1) ~~As of July 1, 2010, a~~ A person who is not eligible for a license under ~~37-33-503~~ may not practice or purport to practice massage therapy without first obtaining a license under the provisions of 37-33-502.

(2) A person who is not licensed as a massage therapist ~~under 37-33-503 or this section~~, whose license has been suspended or revoked, or whose license has lapsed and has not been revived may not use the words or letters "massage therapist", "licensed massage therapist", "L.M.T.", "masseur", or "masseuse" or any other letters, words, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is a licensed massage therapist or in any way, orally, in writing, or in print or by sign, directly or by implication, purport to be a massage therapist.

(3) A person who knowingly violates the provisions of this ~~subsection~~ section is guilty of a misdemeanor as provided in 37-33-504."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Repealer. The following section of the Montana Code Annotated is repealed:

37-33-503. Initial licensure -- grandfather clause.

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