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A BILL

То	amend sections 503.40, 503.41, 503.42, 503.43,	1
	503.44, 503.47, 503.48, 503.49, 503.50, 715.61,	2
	2927.17, 4731.04, 4731.15, and 4731.41; to enact	3
	section 503.411; and to repeal sections 503.45	4
	and 503.46 of the Revised Code to make changes	5
	to the laws governing massage establishments and	6
	massage therapy.	-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 503.40, 503.41, 503.42, 503.43,	8
503.44, 503.47, 503.48, 503.49, 503.50, 715.61, 2927.17,	9
4731.04, 4731.15, and 4731.41 be amended and section 503.411 of	10
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	11
Sec. 503.40. As used in sections 503.40 to 503.49 of the	12
Revised Code:	13
(A) "Massage therapy" means any method of exerting	14
pressure on, stroking, kneading, rubbing, tapping, pounding,	15
vibrating, or stimulating the external soft tissue of the body-	16
with the hands, or with the aid of any mechanical or electrical	17

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township.	47
(B) A board may adopt <u>establishment</u> regulations,	48
registration requirements, and amendments under this section	49
only after public hearing at not fewer than two regular sessions	50
of the board. The board shall cause to be published in a	51
newspaper of general circulation in the township, or as provided	52
in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, notice of the public	53
hearings, including the time, date, and place, once a week for	54
two weeks immediately preceding the hearings. The board shall	55
make available proposed <u>establishment</u> regulations, registration	56
requirements, or amendments to the public at the office of the	57
board.	58
(C) Regulations Establishment regulations, registration	59
requirements, or amendments adopted by the board are effective	60
thirty days after the date of adoption unless, within thirty	61
days after the adoption of the regulations, requirements, or	62
amendments, the township fiscal officer receives a petition,	63
signed by a number of qualified electors residing in the	64
unincorporated area of the township equal to not less than ten	65
per cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor	66
in the area at the most recent general election at which a	67
governor was elected, requesting the board to submit the	68
regulations, requirements, or amendments to the electors of the	69
area for approval or rejection at the next primary or general	70
election occurring at least ninety days after the board receives	71
the petition.	72
No <u>establishment</u> regulation, registration requirement, or	73
amendment for which the referendum vote has been requested is	74
effective unless a majority of the votes cast on the issue is in	75

favor of the regulation, requirement, or amendment. Upon

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physical therapist, or athletic trainer in accordance with

in a program of study to achieve the training necessary to

(7) Is enrolled and regularly and actively participating

Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

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on a renewal application filed in a timely manner and pending

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denying or revoking a permit to operate a massage establishment

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or masseur or masseuse license may appeal from the order of the	306
board to the court of common pleas of the county in which the	307
township is located, the place of business of the permit holder-	308
is located, or the person is a resident. The appeal shall be in	309
accordance with Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code.	310
Sec. 503.49. If a board of township trustees has adopted a	311
resolution under section 503.41 of the Revised Code that	312
includes a permit requirement to operate a massage	313
<u>establishment</u> , the board shall deposit the fees collected by the	314
township for massage establishment permits and masseur and	315
masseuse licenses—in the township general fund and first use the	316
fees for the cost of administering and enforcing massage	317
establishment regulations and massage therapist registration	318
<u>requirements</u> adopted under section 503.41 of the Revised Code.	319
Sec. 503.50. (A) Whoever violates division (A) $\overline{\text{or }(B)}$ of	320
section 503.42 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of	321
the first degree.	322
(B) Whoever violates <u>division</u> (B) of section 503.411 or	323
division— (C) , (D) , or (E) _ (B) of section 503.42 of the Revised	324
Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.	325
Sec. 715.61. (A) As used in this section:	326
(1) "Massage establishment" has the same meaning as in	327
section 503.40 of the Revised Code.	328
(2) "Massage therapy" has the same meaning as in section	329
4731.04 of the Revised Code.	330
(B) Any municipal corporation may regulate and license	331
manufacturers and dealers in explosives, chattel mortgage and	332
salary loan brokers, peddlers, public ballrooms, scavengers,	333
intelligence officers, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, livery,	334

sale, and boarding stables, dancing or riding academies or	335
schools, race courses, ball grounds, street musicians,	336
secondhand dealers, junk shops, and all persons engaged in the	337
trade, business, or profession of manicuring, massaging, or	338
chiropody. In the granting of any license a municipal	339
corporation may charge such fees as the legislative authority	340
deems proper and expedient.	341
(C)(1) A municipal corporation may regulate and license	342
massage establishments within its jurisdiction and may require	343
the registration of persons performing massage therapy at the	344
<pre>massage establishment.</pre>	345
(2) If a municipal corporation regulates massage	346
establishments under this section, the regulations shall include	347
a requirement that all massage therapy performed in the massage	348
establishment be performed by a person described in division (A)	349
of section 503.411 of the Revised Code.	350
Sec. 2927.17. (A) No person, by means of a statement,	351
solicitation, or offer in a print or electronic publication,	352
sign, placard, storefront display, or other medium, shall	353
advertise massage therapy, relaxation massage, any other massage	354
technique or method, or any related service, with the suggestion	355
or promise of sexual activity.	356
(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unlawful	357
advertising of massage, a misdemeanor of the first degree.	358
(C) Nothing in this section prevents the legislative	359
authority of a municipal corporation or township from enacting	360
any regulation of the advertising of massage further than and in	361
addition to the provisions of divisions (A) and (B) of this	362
section	363

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by either the royal college of physicians and surgeons of Canada	392
or the college of family physicians of Canada.	393
(C) "Massage therapy" means the treatment of disorders of	394
the human body by the manipulation of soft tissue through the	395
systematic external application of massage techniques including	396
touch, stroking, friction, vibration, percussion, kneading,	397
stretching, compression, and joint movements within the normal	398
physiologic range of motion; and adjunctive thereto, the	399
external application of water, heat, cold, topical preparations,	400
and mechanical devices.	401
"Massage therapy" does not include the manipulation of the	402
reproductive organs, perineum, rectum, or anus unless the action	403
is undertaken pursuant to a prescription issued by a person who	404
is authorized under this chapter to practice medicine and	405
surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery or the action is	406
performed under the supervision of such a physician.	407
Sec. 4731.15. (A) The state medical board also shall	408
regulate the following limited branches of medicine: massage	409
therapy, and to the extent specified in section 4731.151 of the	410
Revised Code, naprapathy and mechanotherapy. The board shall	411
adopt rules governing the limited branches of medicine under its	412
jurisdiction. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with	413
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	414
(B) A license to practice a limited branch of medicine	415
issued by the state medical board is valid for a two-year period	416
unless revoked or suspended and expires on the date that is two	417
years after the date of issuance. The license may be renewed for	418
additional two-year periods in accordance with division (C) of	419
this section.	420

(C) Both of the following apply with respect to the	421
renewal of licenses to practice a limited branch of medicine:	422
(1) Each person seeking to renew a license to practice a	423
limited branch of medicine shall apply for biennial renewal with	424
the state medical board in a manner prescribed by the board. An	425
applicant for renewal shall pay a biennial renewal fee of one	426
hundred dollars.	427
(2) At least one month before a license expires, the board	428
shall provide a renewal notice to the license holder.	429
(D) All persons who hold a license to practice a limited	430
branch of medicine issued by the state medical board shall	431
provide the board notice of any change of address. The notice	432
shall be submitted to the board not later than thirty days after	433
the change of address.	434
(E) A license to practice a limited branch of medicine	435
shall be automatically suspended if the license holder fails to	436
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a restoration fee of one hundred fifty dollars and compliance	450
with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board	451
shall not restore to an applicant a license to practice unless	452
the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the	453
criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for	454
a license issued pursuant to section 4731.17 of the Revised	455
Code.	456
(F) The following persons are not required to hold a	457
<pre>license to practice massage therapy issued under this chapter:</pre>	458
(1) A person authorized to practice under Chapter 4709.,	459
4713., 4723., 4730., 4734., 4755., or 4762. of the Revised Code,	460
provided that the scope of practice authorizes the person to use	461
<pre>massage techniques;</pre>	462
(2) An enrolled student practicing massage therapy as part	463
of a program of study at a school, college, or institution in	464
good standing as determined by the board in accordance with	465
division (A) of section 4731.16 of the Revised Code;	466
(3) A person holding a license to practice cosmetic	467
therapy issued under this chapter and whose practice may include	468
<pre>massage techniques;</pre>	469
(4) A person who holds a certification, based on a minimum	470
<u>level of training, competency demonstration, and adherence to</u>	471
ethical standards, from a professional association or other	472
<pre>credentialing body to practice movement or somatic education,</pre>	473
which includes using touch, words, and directed movement, with a	474
fully clothed client, to deepen awareness of existing patterns	475
of movement or suggest new possibilities of movement and does	476
<pre>not include massage therapy.</pre>	477
(5) Either of the following with respect to reflexology,	478

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which is a protocol of manual techniques that are applied to	479
specific reflex areas on the feet, hands, and outer ears for the	480
purpose of stimulating the complex neural pathways linking body	481
systems to achieve optimal body function, including such manual	482
techniques as thumb- and finger-walking as well as hook and	483
<pre>backup and rotating-on-a-point:</pre>	484
(a) A person who holds a certification issued by the	485
American reflexology certification board or its successor and is	486
<pre>practicing reflexology;</pre>	487
(b) An enrolled student practicing reflexology as part of	488
a program of study at a school, college, or institution with a	489
certificate of registration issued by the state board of career	490
colleges and schools under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code.	491
Sec. 4731.41. (A) No Except as provided in division (F) of	492
section 4731.15 of the Revised Code, no person shall practice	493
medicine and surgery, or any of its branches, without the	494
appropriate license or certificate from the state medical board	495
to engage in the practice. No person shall advertise or claim to	496
the public to be a practitioner of medicine and surgery, or any	497
of its branches, without a license or certificate from the	498
board. No person shall open or conduct an office or other place	499
for such practice without a license or certificate from the	500
board. No person shall conduct an office in the name of some	501
person who has a license or certificate to practice medicine and	502
surgery, or any of its branches. No person shall practice	503
medicine and surgery, or any of its branches, after the person's	504
license or certificate has been revoked, or, if suspended,	505
during the time of such suspension.	506
A license or certificate signed by the secretary of the	507

board to which is affixed the official seal of the board to the

person who meets both of the following conditions:

effect that it appears from the records of the board that no	509
such license or certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or	510
any of its branches, in this state has been issued to the person	511
specified therein, or that a license or certificate to practice,	512
if issued, has been revoked or suspended, shall be received as	513
prima-facie evidence of the record of the board in any court or	514
before any officer of the state.	515
(B) No license or certificate from the state medical board	516
is required by a physician who comes into this state to practice	517
medicine at a free-of-charge camp accredited by the SeriousFun	518
children's network that specializes in providing therapeutic	519
recreation, as defined in section 2305.231 of the Revised Code,	520
for individuals with chronic illnesses as long as all of the	521
following apply:	522
(1) The physician provides documentation to the medical	523
director of the camp that the physician is licensed and in good	524
standing to practice medicine in another state;	525
(2) The physician provides services only at the camp or in	526
connection with camp events or camp activities that occur off	527
the grounds of the camp;	528
(3) The physician receives no compensation for the	529
services;	530
(4) The physician provides those services within this	531
state for not more than thirty days per calendar year;	532
(5) The camp has a medical director who holds an	533
unrestricted license to practice medicine issued in accordance	534
with division (A) of this section.	535
(C) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a	536

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(1) The person holds in good standing a valid license to	538
practice medicine and surgery issued by another state.	539
(2) The person is practicing as a volunteer without	540
remuneration during a charitable event that lasts not more than	541
seven days.	542
When a person meets the conditions of this division, the	543
person shall be deemed authorized by the state medical board,	544
during the course of the charitable event, to practice medicine	545
and surgery and shall be subject to the provisions of this	546
chapter authorizing the board to take disciplinary action	547
against a physician. Not less than seven calendar days before	548
the first day of the charitable event, the person or the event's	549
organizer shall notify the board of the person's intent to	550
practice medicine and surgery at the event. During the course of	551
the charitable event, the person's scope of practice is limited	552
to the procedures that a physician authorized under this chapter	553
to practice medicine and surgery is authorized to perform unless	554
the person's scope of practice in the other state is more	555
restrictive than in this state. If the latter is the case, the	556
person's scope of practice is limited to the procedures that a	557
physician in the other state may perform.	558
Section 2. That existing sections 503.40, 503.41, 503.42,	559
503.43, 503.44, 503.47, 503.48, 503.49, 503.50, 715.61, 2927.17,	560
4731.04, 4731.15, and 4731.41 of the Revised Code are hereby	561
repealed.	562

Section 3. That sections 503.45 and 503.46 of the Revised

Code are hereby repealed.