

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Massage Therapy
Rule No.: 532-X-3-.01

Rule Title: Massage Therapist Licensure Qualifications
_____ New X Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly
Harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's
Police power and the protection of the public health,
Safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation
Available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or
Indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services
Involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public
Than the harm that might result from the absence of
The proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely
For the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary
Effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be
accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-
22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the
requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all
applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative
Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date: October 20, 2011

(DATE FILED)
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Alabama Board of Massage Therapy

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Massage Therapy

RULE NO. & TITLE: 532-X-3-.01 Massage Therapist Licensure
Qualifications


INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Board proposes to remove language to licensure qualifications and add new current language.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2011. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, at 610 S. McDonough Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or via electronic mail at keith@warrenandco.com or via telephone at 334-269-9990.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Monday, December 5, 2011.

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Keith E. Warren, *Executive Director*
Alabama Board of Massage Therapy

Massage Therapist Licensure Qualifications.

(1) Licensure applicants must be eighteen years of age or older on the date the applications for licensure is submitted to the Board.

(2) The applicant must not have knowingly performed massage therapy, whether for compensation or not, at or for a sexually oriented business, and must not have been convicted of or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a crime involving prostitution or other sexual offense within a three year period before submitting the application for licensure.

(3) The applicant must complete an application on the forms approved by the Board, and shall pay for all ~~licensing or examination~~ fees as set forth below, in a timely manner.

(4) The applicant shall cause the approved school which the applicant attended to provide an official original transcript of the applicant's satisfactory completion of the required course of instruction or curriculum, where the applicant is relying on the education requirement satisfaction for application to take the examination for licensure. If official transcripts are not available due to unusual circumstances, the school should so certify to the Board, and the Board may approve submission of alternate documents that substantiate the applicant's satisfaction of the education requirements.

(5) An applicant who is licensed or registered to practice massage therapy in another ~~statements~~ or sovereign state and wishes to obtain licensure in Alabama must meet the minimum requirements set forth by the Board for licensure. ~~based on the current out of state licensure must submit to the Board the following:~~

~~(a) A "Verification of Licensure" form from the licensing board of the state or sovereign state in which the applicant is licensed, sent directly to the Board from the licensing state. The verification should state that there are no outstanding or unresolved complaints against the applicant known to the licensing board of the state of licensure.~~

~~(b) A transcript from the school the applicant attended sent directly to the Board from the massage therapy school.~~

~~_____ (c) _____ If the applicant did not attend a school but was licensed in the other state by showing a term of practice of massage therapy prior to that state's licensing act's enactment, the applicant may submit a copy of the documentation submitted to the other state's licensing board corresponding to the documentation required in 532 X 3 .01(6) above.~~

~~_____ (d) _____ A copy of his or her current, valid license in another state or sovereign state as a massage therapist.~~

~~_____ (e) _____ A copy of the licensing states massages therapy licensure statutes.~~

(6) Each first-time applicant for licensure must both complete the education requirements and take a board approved examination ~~the written and practical or oral examination.~~

(7) The education requirements for eligibility to apply for licensure are as follows:

~~(a) _____ prior to January 1, 1998, 500 hours of a supervised course of instruction:~~

~~_____ (i) _____ 325 hours of basic massage therapy and clinical practice related modalities;~~

~~_____ (ii) _____ 125 hours of anatomy, pathology and physiology;~~

~~_____ (iii) _____ 50 hours of discretionary related course work, including but not limited to hydrotherapy, business practices and professional ethics, health and hygiene, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.~~

(b) ~~after December 31, 1997,~~ The Board requires 650 hours of a supervised course of instruction:

(i) 100 hours of anatomy, and physiology consisting of 35 hours of myology, 15 hours of osteology, 10 hours of circulatory system, 10 hours of nervous system, ~~40 hours of pathology~~ and 30 hours of other body systems at the discretion of the school;

(ii) 40 hours of pathology;

(iii) 250 hours of basic massage therapy, contradistinctions of massage therapy, contraindications to

massage therapy, and related touch modalities, to include a minimum of 50 hours of supervised massage;

(~~iv~~) 50 hours of miscellaneous required courses including business, hydrotherapy, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and professional ethics;

(~~v~~) ~~210~~ 250 hours of electives to be determined by the school.

(8) To permit animal massage by a massage therapist under the direction of prescription of a licensed veterinarian, the applicant must graduate from a nationally approved program and complete a minimum of 100 hours of postgraduate training and education in animal anatomy, pathology, and physiology for the type of animal on which the therapist will perform therapeutic massage.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-43-9.

History: New Rule: Filed January 29, 2001; effective March 5, 2001. **Amended:** Filed November 9, 2006; effective December 14, 2006.