

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2013

### House Bill 1243

Legislative update on any legislation enacted at the legislative session that revises the powers and duties of the agency or department shall include a link to the legislative update section on the home page of the website. The legislative update section shall contain a summary of the revisions made to the powers and duties of the agency or department by the legislation, and a contact section or link so that members of the public may comment on or ask questions about the revisions or the effect of the revisions in the legislation. The legislative update section shall remain on the website of the agency or department until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2013.

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Senate Bill 2737 signed into law on March 27, 2013 for a July 1, 2013 effective date:

An act to reenact sections 73-67-2 through 73-67-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, which is the Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act;

to amend Section 73-67-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, to revise certain definitions under the Massage Therapy Act;

to amend section 73-67-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, to require massage therapy licenses to be prominently displayed and to require applications to complete criminal background check and fingerprinting for licensure;

to amend section 73-67-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, to prescribe certain examination requirements for applicants;

to amend section 73-67-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, to clarify reciprocity provisions; to amend section 73-67-29, Mississippi Code of 1972,

to provide certain exemptions from advertising restrictions for licensees;

to amend section 73-67-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, to clarify certain standards for Massage Therapy schools;

to amend Section 73-67-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to extend the automatic repealer on the Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act;

and for related purposes.

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For comment or questions about the revisions or the effect of the revisions in the legislation, please email [director@msbmt.state.ms.us](mailto:director@msbmt.state.ms.us).