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§ 73-67-1. Short title [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act."

History

Laws, 2001, ch. 549, § 1; reenacted without change, Laws, 2004, ch. 476, § 1; reenacted without change, Laws, 2008, ch. 451, § 1; reenacted without change, Laws, 2013, ch. 477, § 1, eff from and after July 1, 2013; reenacted without change, Laws, 2018, ch. 339, § 1, eff from and after July 1, 2018.

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§ 73-67-3. Legislative findings [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

The Legislature finds that in the profession and practice of massage therapy there is a necessity to preserve and protect individual life and health, promote the public interest and welfare by providing for the licensure of massage therapists and assuring public safety.


History

Laws, 2001, ch. 549, § 2; reenacted without change, Laws, 2004, ch. 476, § 2; reenacted and amended, Laws, 2008, ch. 451, § 2; reenacted without change, Laws, 2013, ch. 477, § 2, eff from and after July 1, 2013; reenacted without change, Laws, 2018, ch. 339, § 2, eff from and after July 1, 2018.


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1. § 73-67-5. Exemptions [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

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(1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following: (a) Persons state licensed, state registered, state certified, or otherwise state credentialed by the laws of this state to include massage as part of their practice, or other allied modalities that are certified by a nationally accredited organization recognized by the board; (b) Students enrolled in a massage therapy school and, at the same time, working in a student clinic, and out-of-state massage therapy instructors when teaching in these programs; (2) Any exemption granted under this section is effective only insofar as and to the extent that the ...

... Miss. Code Ann. § **73-67-5** Mississippi Exemptions [Repealed effective July 1, 2025]. § **73-67-5** . (1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to ...

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§ 73-67-7. Definitions [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings stated in this section, unless otherwise stated:

- (a) "Approved massage therapy school" means a facility that is licensed by this board and meets the curriculum and instruction requirements as stated in this chapter.
- (b) "Board" means the State Board of Massage Therapy as created in this chapter.
- (c) "Board-accepted hours" means hours of education accepted by the board to meet requirements of exemption and/or continuing education for pre-act practitioners and is different from "board-approved programs" and/or "board-approved school hours."
- (d) "Classroom hour" means no less than fifty (50) minutes of any one (1) clock hour during which the student participates in a learning activity under the supervision of a board licensed instructor.
- (e) "Examination" means the State Board of Massage Therapy approved examination for licensure.
- (f) "License" means a State Board of Massage Therapy approved form of credential indicating that the license holder has met the requirements of this chapter for the practice of massage therapy.
- (g) "Massage" means touch, stroking, kneading, stretching, friction, percussion and vibration, and includes holding, positioning, causing movement of the soft tissues and applying manual touch and pressure to the body (excluding an osseous tissue manipulation

or adjustment). "Therapy" means action aimed at achieving or increasing health and wellness. "Massage therapy" means the profession in which the practitioner applies massage techniques with the intent of positively affecting the health and well-being of the client, and may adjunctively (i) apply allied modalities, heat, cold, water and topical preparations not classified as prescription drugs, (ii) use hand held tools such as electric hand massagers used

adjunctively to the application of hand massage or devices designed as t-bars or knobblies, and (iii) instruct self-care and stress management. "Manual" means by use of hand or body.

(h) "Massage establishment" means a place of business where massage is being conducted.

(i) "Massage therapist" means a person who practices massage therapy.

(j) "MPMTA" means the "Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act."

(k) "Mississippi State Law Examination" means the comprehensive examination on the Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act and the associated relevant Board Rules and Regulations that is given by the board or its representative.

(l) "Pre-act practitioner" means an individual who has practiced professional massage therapy before January 1, 2001.

(m) "Professional" means requiring minimum standards of conduct, ethics and education.

(n) "Provisional permit" means a temporary permit approved by the board when all requirements, other than board-approved national or state examinations, have been met, not to exceed ninety (90) days.

History

Laws, 2001, ch. 549, § 4; reenacted and amended, Laws, 2004, ch. 476, § 4; reenacted and amended, Laws, 2008, ch. 451, § 4; Laws, 2013, ch. 477, § 4, eff from and after July 1, 2013; reenacted without change, Laws, 2018, ch. 339, § 4, eff from and after July 1, 2018.

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§ 73-67-9. State Board of Massage Therapy; membership; quorum [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

(1) There is created the State Board of Massage Therapy.

(2) The board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. At least three (3) members shall be appointed from a list submitted by state representatives of one or more nationally recognized professional massage therapy association(s), all of whom must be residents of Mississippi and must have engaged in the practice of massage therapy within the state for at least three (3) years, one (1) member shall be a licensed health professional in a health field other than massage therapy and one (1) member shall be a consumer at large who is not associated with or financially interested in the practice or business of massage therapy. No member of the board may be an owner or partner of a massage therapy school. The initial members of the board shall be appointed for staggered terms, as follows: one (1) member shall be appointed for a term that ends on June 30, 2002; one (1) member shall be appointed for a term that ends on June 30, 2003; one (1) member shall be appointed for a term that ends on June 30, 2004; and two (2) members shall be appointed for terms that end on June 30, 2005. Appointments shall be made within ninety (90) days from July 1, 2001.

(3) All subsequent appointments to the board shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. No person shall be appointed for more than two (2) consecutive terms. By approval of the majority of the board, the

service of a member may be extended at the completion of a four-year term until a new member is appointed or the current member is reappointed. The board shall elect one (1) of the appointed massage therapists as the chairman of the board.

(4) A majority of the board may appoint an executive director and other such individuals, including an attorney, as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter. The

board may hold additional meetings at such times and places as it deems necessary. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum and a majority of the board shall be required to grant or revoke a license.

History

Laws, 2001, ch. 549, § 5; reenacted and amended, Laws, 2004, ch. 476, § 5; reenacted and amended, Laws, 2008, ch. 451, § 5; reenacted without change, Laws, 2013, ch. 477, § 5, eff from and after July 1, 2013; reenacted without change, Laws, 2018, ch. 339, § 5, eff from and after July 1, 2018.

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§ 73-67-11. Bond of executive secretary of board; State Board of Massage Therapy Fund [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

Before entering upon discharge of the duties of the office, the executive director of the board shall furnish a bond, approved by the board, to the state in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of the office, the premium on the bond shall be paid from funds paid into the State Treasury by the director of the board, and the bond shall be deposited with the Secretary of State. All fees and other monies collected or received by the board shall be paid into and credited to a special fund that is created in the State Treasury, which shall be known as the "State Board of Massage Therapy Fund." Any interest earned on the special fund shall be credited to the special fund and shall not be paid into the State General Fund. Any unexpended monies remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund. Monies in the special fund shall be expended exclusively for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. Disbursement of monies in the special fund shall be made only upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer upon requisitions signed by the treasurer of the board. The financial records of the board shall be audited annually by the State Auditor. The board shall receive no appropriations from any state funds for its support except from the special fund.

History

Laws, 2001, ch. 549, § 6; reenacted and amended, Laws, 2004, ch. 476, § 6; reenacted without change, Laws, 2008, ch. 451, § 6; reenacted without change, Laws, 2013, ch. 477, § 6, eff from and after July 1, 2013; reenacted without change, Laws, 2018, ch. 339, § 6, eff from and after July 1, 2018.

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§ 73-67-13. Compensation and payment of expenses [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

Each member of the board shall receive the per diem authorized under Section 25-3-69 for each day actually discharging his official duties, and shall receive reimbursement for mileage and necessary expense incurred, as provided in Section 25-3-41. The expenses of the board in carrying out the provisions of this chapter shall be paid upon requisitions signed by the chairman and/or secretary of the board and warrants signed by the State Fiscal Officer from the State Board of Massage Therapy Fund. Such expenses shall not exceed the amount paid into the State Treasury under the provisions of this chapter.

History

Laws, 2001, ch. 549, § 7; reenacted without change, Laws, 2004, ch. 476, § 7; reenacted without change, Laws, 2008, ch. 451, § 7; reenacted without change, Laws, 2013, ch. 477, § 7, eff from and after July 1, 2013; reenacted without change, Laws, 2018, ch. 339, § 7, eff from and after July 1, 2018.