
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPISTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the practice of
2 massage therapy in the State affects public health and safety.
3 As a matter of public interest and concern, massage therapist
4 licensees should regularly maintain their knowledge and
5 education and receive basic first aid and emergency-related
6 training through mandatory continuing education requirements, in
7 addition to understanding the ethical implications of
8 advertising and promoting the practice of massage.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require massage
10 therapist licensees, beginning with the renewal for the
11 licensing biennium commencing on July 1, 2024, and every
12 biennial renewal thereafter, to complete twelve hours of
13 continuing education within the two-year period preceding the
14 renewal date, of which two hours shall include first aid,
15 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or other emergency-related
16 course.



1 SECTION 2. Section 452-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§452-16 Renewal of license; fees [-]; continuing**
 4 **education.** (a) Massage therapist and massage therapy
 5 establishment licenses shall expire on June 30 of each even-
 6 numbered year following the date of issuance unless renewed for
 7 the next biennium. These licenses may be renewed by filing an
 8 application therefor, accompanied by a renewal fee [-] and
 9 submitting proof of compliance with the continuing education
 10 requirements established by subsection (b). The application
 11 shall be made between May 1 and June 30 of each even-numbered
 12 year. Failure to apply for renewal as provided in this section
 13 shall constitute a forfeiture of the license as of the date of
 14 expiration. Any license so forfeited may be restored within one
 15 year after expiration upon the filing of an application in the
 16 same manner, submitting proof of compliance with the continuing
 17 education requirements established by subsection (b), and
 18 payment of a penalty fee in addition to all delinquent fees.
 19 Thereafter, the person shall apply as a new applicant and the
 20 board may require the person to take and pass the examination
 21 and satisfy all requirements for the examination, including



1 training, if the board is not satisfied that the person
2 possesses current knowledge and skills for the practice of
3 massage therapy.

4 (b) Beginning with the renewal for the licensing biennium
5 commencing on July 1, 2024, and every biennial renewal
6 thereafter, each massage therapist licensee shall submit proof
7 of having completed twelve hours of continuing education within
8 the two-year period preceding the renewal date, of which two
9 hours shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or
10 other emergency-related courses. The board shall adopt rules
11 relating to the requirements and standards that continuing
12 education programs shall meet to obtain recognition and approval
13 from the board.

14 (c) The board may conduct random audits of licensees to
15 determine compliance with the continuing education requirements
16 of subsection (b). The board shall provide written notice of an
17 audit to a licensee randomly selected for audit. Within sixty
18 days of notification, the licensee shall provide the board with
19 documentation verifying compliance with the continuing education
20 requirements established by subsection (b)."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Massage Therapists; Licenses; Renewals; Continuing Education

Description:

Beginning 7/1/2024, requires massage therapy licensees to complete twelve hours of continuing education within the two-year period preceding the renewal date, of which two hours shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or other emergency related courses. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

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