

Code of Alabama

Title 34. Professions and Businesses. (Refs & Annos)

Chapter 43. Massage Therapists. (Refs & Annos)

Ala.Code 1975 § 34-43-5

§ 34-43-5. Exemptions.

Currentness

(a) The following persons, offices, or establishments shall be exempt from this chapter:

(1) A student of massage therapy who is rendering massage therapy services under the supervision of a licensed massage therapy instructor, or any other supervisory arrangement recognized and approved by the board, including, but not limited to, a temporary permit. The student shall be designated by title clearly indicating the training status of the student.

(2) Qualified members of other professions who are licensed and regulated under Alabama law while they are in the course of rendering services within the scope of their license or regulation, provided that they do not represent themselves as massage therapists.

(3) A person giving massages to his or her immediate family.

(4) Visiting massage therapy instructors from another state, territory, or country teaching massage therapy, provided that the massage therapy instructor is licensed or registered as required in his or her place of residence. Visiting massage instructors teaching continuing education courses may teach in the state up to 100 hours per year without an Alabama license. One hundred hours of continuing education instruction or more shall require licensure.

(5) Members of the Massage Emergency Rescue Team (MERT) or any other nationally or internationally recognized disaster relief association who practice massage therapy in the state only during a time declared by the Governor to be a city, county, or state emergency. These therapists may work in the state for a period of time approved by the board.

(6) Native American healers using traditional healing practices, provided, however, Native American healers who use these practices but apply for a license pursuant to this chapter shall comply with all licensure requirements.

(7) A person acting under the supervision of a physician, a physical therapist, or a chiropractor within the scope of their license or regulation, provided that they do not represent themselves as massage therapists.

(8) The office of a chiropractor, physician, or physical therapist who employs or contracts with a massage therapist. It is the specific intent of this subdivision that a chiropractor, physician, or physical therapist and his or her office not be required to be licensed as an establishment under this chapter or be required to obtain any exemption under this chapter from the board.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit massage therapists licensed under this chapter to administer, dispense, or prescribe drugs, or engage in the practice of medicine in any manner, including, but not limited to, diagnosing or prescribing drugs for mental, emotional, or physical diseases, illnesses, or injuries.

Credits

(Acts 1996, No. 96-661, p. 1060, § 5; Act 2000-704, p. 1430, § 1; Act 2009-741, p. 2218, § 1.)

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