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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1440

5 By: Representative Pilkington
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRICULUM OF MASSAGE THERAPY
9 SCHOOLS; TO ALLOW REMOTE EDUCATION IN AN ONLINE
10 FORMAT AND IN-PERSON TRAINING WITH A MASTER MASSAGE
11 THERAPIST TO MEET THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 PERSON TRAINING WITH A MASTER MASSAGE
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-86-306(e), concerning massage therapy
27 schools, is amended to read as follows:

28 (e)(1) The department may certify the school and provide for licensure
29 thereof if the school follows a curriculum consisting of not fewer than five
30 hundred (500) hours of in-classroom instruction over a term of not fewer than
31 four (4) months consisting of the following subjects:

32 ~~(1)~~(A) One hundred seventy-five (175) hours of anatomy,
33 physiology, pathology, and contraindications to massage therapy;

34 ~~(2)~~(B) Two hundred twenty-five (225) hours of technique;

35 ~~(3)~~(C) Twenty-five (25) hours of hydrotherapy, electrotherapy,
36 and heliotherapy;



1 ~~(4)~~(D) Twenty-five (25) hours of hygiene and infection control;
2 ~~(5)~~(E) Twenty-five (25) hours of massage therapy law, business
3 management, and professional ethics; and
4 ~~(6)~~(F) Twenty-five (25) hours of related subjects as approved by
5 the department.

6 (2) The curriculum established in subdivision (e)(1) of this
7 section may be completed through remote education in an online format and in-
8 person training with a master massage therapist in a licensed massage therapy
9 clinic or massage therapy spa.

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