

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPISTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-4009, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-
2 VISE REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE; AMENDING SECTION 54-4010,
3 IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR ENDORSEMENT LICEN-
4 SURE; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-4011, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS
5 REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 54-4009, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 54-4009. REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSE. Upon application to
11 the board and the payment of the required fees, an applicant may be licensed
12 as a massage therapist if the applicant meets all the requirements of this
13 chapter and provides documentation acceptable to the board that he or she:

14 (1) Has obtained a high school diploma or equivalent;

15 (2) Is eighteen (18) years of age or older;

16 (3) Is of good moral character;

17 (4) Has successfully completed a massage therapy educational program
18 registered pursuant to chapter 24, title 33, Idaho Code, or a comparable au-
19 thority in another state that consists of the minimum of five hundred (500)
20 in-class supervised hours of coursework and clinic work; ~~and~~

21 (5) Has successfully passed a nationally recognized competency exami-
22 nation in massage therapy that is approved by the board. The passage of this
23 exam may have occurred prior to the effective date of this chapter; and

24 (6) Has obtained and submitted a satisfactory fingerprint-based crimi-
25 nal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bu-
26 reau of investigation criminal history database.

27 SECTION 2. That Section 54-4010, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
28 amended to read as follows:

29 54-4010. ENDORSEMENT LICENSURE. The board may grant a license without
30 examination to any person who, at the time of application, is licensed or
31 certified in good standing by a board of massage therapy of another state,
32 provided the requirements for such certification or licensure are substan-
33 tially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter, and upon payment of
34 a fee to be determined by the board and submission of a satisfactory finger-
35 print-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database
36 and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database.

37 SECTION 3. That Section 54-4011, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
38 amended to read as follows:

1 54-4011. LICENSE RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT. (1) ~~A license shall be~~
2 ~~issued and~~ Licenses must be renewed and may be reinstated within five (5)
3 years after expiration, both as provided in accordance with section 67-2614,
4 Idaho Code.
5 (2) If the board granted any person a license without the satisfactory
6 fingerprint-based criminal history check as provided in section 54-4009 or
7 54-4010, Idaho Code, such licensee shall obtain and submit the required fin-
8 gerprint-based criminal history check to the board on or before July 1, 2018.