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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1394

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
6 By: Senator Hester
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING MASSAGE THERAPY;
10 TO REMOVE THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR
11 MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING MASSAGE
16 THERAPY; AND TO REMOVE THE TUBERCULOSIS
17 TESTS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE
18 THERAPIST LICENSURE.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-86-303(a), concerning the licensure of a
24 massage therapist, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a) In order to be licensed as a massage therapist, the person seeking
26 licensure shall:

27 (1) Furnish to the Department of Health satisfactory proof that
28 he or she is eighteen (18) years of age or older and of good moral character;

29 (2) Make oath that he or she has not been convicted of, found
30 guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any offense that
31 would constitute a felony or constitute the offense of prostitution, either
32 in this state or the United States, and submit a signed authorization to
33 investigate and have information released to the Department of Health;

34 (3) Present the following issued in the same name as the
35 applicant or licensee:

36 (A) A valid photo identification or driver's license, or



1 both; and

2 (B) A Social Security card;

3 (4)(A) Present a high school diploma, high school equivalency
4 diploma approved by the Department of Career Education, or college transcript
5 and credentials issued by a massage therapy school accepted by the Department
6 of Health or a like institution with no less than five hundred (500) hours of
7 in-classroom instruction.

8 (B) An applicant shall not submit his or her transcript
9 directly to the Department of Health.

10 (C) An applicant shall request that the massage therapy
11 school submit the transcript directly to the Department of Health.

12 (D)(i) If the applicant's transcript is not obtainable
13 from the original school, the applicant shall submit a statement to explain
14 why the transcript may not be obtained.

15 (ii) Other documentation of credentials may be
16 submitted and accepted for licensure at the discretion of the Department of
17 Health;

18 (5) Furnish to the Department of Health satisfactory proof of
19 passing an examination recognized and approved by the Department of Health;
20 and

21 ~~(6) Present a negative test for tuberculosis that is current at~~
22 ~~the time of licensure; and~~

23 ~~(7)~~(6) Pay the specified fees, which shall accompany a completed
24 notarized application to the Department of Health.

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