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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

5
6 By: Representative Capp

7 Filed with: Arkansas Legislative Council
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; TO REQUIRE
11 LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION FOR EQUINE MASSAGE; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

13 Subtitle

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15 CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; AND TO REQUIRE
16 LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION FOR EQUINE
17 MASSAGE.
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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 § 17-101-315 is amended to read as follows:
24 17-101-315. Equine teeth floating and equine massage.

25 (a) The Veterinary Medical Examining Board is prohibited from
26 enforcing board policy regarding equine teeth floating and equine massage
27 therapy by either investigating or prosecuting an individual practitioner
28 engaged in equine teeth floating or an individual practitioner practicing
29 equine massage therapy until July 1, 2013.

30 (b)(1) ~~Prior to~~ Before engaging in the practice of equine teeth
31 floating ~~or equine massage~~ therapy in the state, an individual practitioner
32 shall present to the board signed letters of recommendation from two (2)
33 clients who have previously employed the individual practitioner and who can
34 bear witness to the individual practitioner's ability to perform equine teeth
35 floating ~~or equine massage~~ therapy ~~or both~~.

1 (2) The letters of recommendation shall be presented to the
2 board prior to providing service to a client or performing any procedure on
3 any animal.

4 (c)(1) Before engaging in the practice of equine massage therapy in
5 the state, an individual shall either:

6 (A) Obtain a license from the board after submitting:

7 (i) An application for a license;

8 (ii) An application fee as determined by the board;

9 (iii) A letter of recommendation from one (1) client
10 who previously employed the individual and who can bear witness to the
11 individual's ability to perform equine massage therapy; and

12 (iv) A copy of the individual's degree or
13 certification in animal massage from a school or training program approved by
14 the board; or

15 (B) Obtain a certificate from the board to practice equine
16 massage therapy under the direction of a veterinarian licensed in this state.

17 (2) An individual shall obtain a license or certificate from the
18 board before providing service to a client or performing any procedure on any
19 animal.

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