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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1146

5 By: Representative Capp
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; TO REQUIRE
9 LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION FOR EQUINE MASSAGE; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; AND TO REQUIRE
14 LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION FOR EQUINE
15 MASSAGE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-315 is amended to read as follows:
22 17-101-315. Equine teeth floating and equine massage.

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

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

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



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

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

4 (i) An application for a license;

5 (ii) An application fee not to exceed fifty dollars
 6 (\$50.00);

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

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

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

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

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