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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1146

5 By: Representatives Capp, Christiansen, Payton
6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; TO EXEMPT
10 EQUINE MASSAGE THERAPY FROM LICENSURE BY THE
11 VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; AND TO EXEMPT
17 EQUINE MASSAGE THERAPY FROM LICENSURE BY
18 THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD.
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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 § 17-101-307(b), concerning exemptions to
24 licensure by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board, is amended to add an
25 additional subdivision to read as follows:

26 (12) A person practicing or performing equine massage therapy or
27 animal massage therapy.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-101-315 is amended to read as follows:
30 17-101-315. Equine teeth floating ~~and equine massage~~.

31 (a) The Veterinary Medical Examining Board is prohibited from
32 enforcing board policy regarding equine teeth floating ~~and equine massage~~
33 ~~therapy~~ by either investigating or prosecuting an individual practitioner
34 engaged in equine teeth floating ~~or an individual practitioner practicing~~
35 ~~equine massage therapy~~ until July 1, 2013.

36 (b)(1) Before engaging in the practice of equine teeth floating ~~or~~



1 ~~equine massage therapy~~ in the state, an individual practitioner shall present
2 to the board signed letters of recommendation from two (2) clients who have
3 previously employed the individual practitioner and who bear witness to the
4 individual practitioner's ability to perform equine teeth floating ~~or equine~~
5 ~~massage therapy or both.~~

6 (2) The letters of recommendation shall be presented to the
7 board before providing service to a client or performing any procedure on any
8 animal.

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