

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

CHAPTER 243

(House Bill 1563)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners – Licensure of Massage Therapists

FOR the purpose of renaming the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to be the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners; providing for the licensure of massage therapists by the Board; increasing the number of the members of the Board; adding a certain number of licensed chiropractor members and licensed massage therapist members to the Board; requiring the Governor to appoint certain massage therapist members with the advice and consent of the Senate from a certain list submitted by a certain association; providing for the qualifications of the massage therapist Board members; amending qualifications for certain consumer members of the Board; requiring the terms of Board members to be staggered; renaming the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Fund to be the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners Fund; establishing certain violations and penalties; substituting licensure for certification as the professional credential for massage therapists; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations regarding the licensure of massage therapists; repealing certain provisions regarding the Massage Therapy Advisory Committee; repealing certain provisions authorizing certain individuals to practice massage therapy without a license or without meeting certain qualifications for a license; authorizing the Board to waive certain qualifications for licensure as a massage therapist under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt certain rules and regulations to establish certain standards for advertising or soliciting by licensed massage therapists or registered massage practitioners; providing that certain mailed notices are not advertisements or solicitations; authorizing licensed massage therapists and registered massage practitioners to use a certain trade name under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to issue licenses to certified massage therapists at the time the certificate holder's certificate expires in accordance with certain renewal requirements; authorizing certain certified massage therapists to continue to practice massage therapy