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H.B. No. 556

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the applicability of massage therapy licensing
3 requirements to a person employing certain muscle activation
4 techniques.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 455.001, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Subdivision (9-a) to read as follows:

8 (9-a) "Muscle activation techniques" means the
9 identification and correction of muscular imbalances through
10 palpation and isometric exercises.

11 SECTION 2. Section 455.004, Occupations Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 455.004. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter does
14 not apply to:

15 (1) a person licensed in this state as a physician,
16 chiropractor, occupational therapist, physical therapist, nurse,
17 cosmetologist, or athletic trainer or as a member of a similar
18 profession subject to state licensing while the person is
19 practicing within the scope of the license;

20 (2) a school approved by the Texas Education Agency or
21 otherwise approved by the state; ~~or~~

22 (3) an instructor otherwise approved by the state to
23 teach in an area of study included in the required course of
24 instruction for issuance of a massage therapist license; or

1 (4) a person who, for compensation, employs muscle
2 activation techniques.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.