

AN ACT

relating to the classification of licensed massage therapy programs as postsecondary education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 455.203, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(e) The course of instruction in massage therapy provided by a licensed massage school is a postsecondary education program.

(f) A massage school that provides instruction to persons beyond the age of compulsory education is authorized to operate educational programs in massage therapy at the postsecondary level.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 455.203, Occupations Code, does not confer any new or additional regulatory authority on the Department of State Health Services or prescribe any new or additional requirements for massage schools licensed under Chapter 455, Occupations Code.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1049 was passed by the House on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1049 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor