

1-1 By: Rodriguez of Travis, Koop H.B. No. 1049  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2015;  
 1-4 April 28, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Business and Commerce; May 20, 2015, reported favorably by the  
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the classification of licensed massage therapy programs  
 1-21 as postsecondary education programs.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 455.203, Occupations Code, is amended by  
 1-24 adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

1-25 (e) The course of instruction in massage therapy provided by  
 1-26 a licensed massage school is a postsecondary education program.

1-27 (f) A massage school that provides instruction to persons  
 1-28 beyond the age of compulsory education is authorized to operate  
 1-29 educational programs in massage therapy at the postsecondary level.

1-30 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
 1-31 455.203, Occupations Code, does not confer any new or additional  
 1-32 regulatory authority on the Department of State Health Services or  
 1-33 prescribe any new or additional requirements for massage schools  
 1-34 licensed under Chapter 455, Occupations Code.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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