

1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 1130
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2021; March 18, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
 1-4 April 7, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 7, 2021,
 1-6 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			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1130 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the provision of certain massage therapy instruction
 1-22 using distance learning.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 455.156, Occupations Code, is amended by
 1-25 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
 1-26 follows:

1-27 (b) An applicant for a license under this section must be an
 1-28 individual and:

1-29 (1) present evidence satisfactory to the department
 1-30 that the person has satisfactorily completed massage therapy
 1-31 studies in a 500-hour minimum, supervised course of instruction in
 1-32 a manner provided by Subsection (c) [~~provided by a massage therapy~~
 1-33 ~~instructor at a massage school, a licensed massage school, a~~
 1-34 ~~state-approved educational institution, or any combination of~~
 1-35 ~~instructors or schools~~], in which at least:

1-36 (A) 200 hours are taught by a licensed massage
 1-37 therapy instructor and dedicated to the study of massage therapy
 1-38 techniques and theory and the practice of manipulation of soft
 1-39 tissue, with at least 125 hours dedicated to the study of Swedish
 1-40 massage therapy techniques;

1-41 (B) 50 hours are dedicated to the study of
 1-42 anatomy;

1-43 (C) 25 hours are dedicated to the study of
 1-44 physiology;

1-45 (D) 50 hours are dedicated to the study of
 1-46 kinesiology;

1-47 (E) 40 hours are dedicated to the study of
 1-48 pathology;

1-49 (F) 20 hours are dedicated to the study of
 1-50 hydrotherapy;

1-51 (G) 45 hours are dedicated to the study of
 1-52 massage therapy laws and rules, business practices, and
 1-53 professional ethics standards;

1-54 (H) 20 hours are dedicated to the study of
 1-55 health, hygiene, first aid, universal precautions, and
 1-56 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and

1-57 (I) 50 hours are spent in an internship program;

1-58 (2) pass the required examinations; and

1-59 (3) be at least 18 years of age.

1-60 (c) The hours of instruction required by Subsection (b) must

2-1 be provided by a massage therapy instructor at a massage school,
2-2 licensed massage school, state-approved educational institution,
2-3 or any combination of instructors or schools. The hours of
2-4 instruction required by Subsections (b)(1)(B)-(H) may be provided
2-5 using distance learning. Distance learning is not limited to live
2-6 instruction.

2-7 SECTION 2. An applicant for a massage therapist license may
2-8 satisfy the requirements of Sections 455.156(b)(1)(B)-(H),
2-9 Occupations Code, using distance learning as provided by Section
2-10 455.156(c), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, regardless of
2-11 whether the application is submitted before, on, or after the
2-12 effective date of this Act.

2-13 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas
2-14 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary
2-15 to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

2-16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-20 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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