
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1488 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY DEASY, READSHAW, V. BROWN, THOMAS, D. COSTA,
MATZIE AND DeLUCA, JUNE 2, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 2, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 9, 2008 (P.L.1438, No.118), entitled
2 "An act regulating massage therapy; establishing the State
3 Board of Massage Therapy; providing for funds, for licensure,
4 for disciplinary action, for remedies, for penalties and for
5 preemption," further providing for powers and duties of
6 board.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 4(6) of the act of October 9, 2008
10 (P.L.1438, No.118), known as the Massage Therapy Law, is amended
11 to read:

12 Section 4. Powers and duties of board.

13 The board has the following powers and duties:

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15 (6) To establish standards of eligibility for license
16 renewal. These standards shall include, but not be limited
17 to, the demonstration of satisfactory completion of a minimum
18 of 24 hours of continuing education related to the practice
19 of massage therapy in accordance with board regulations. No
20 credit may be given for courses in office management or

1 practice building. The board may waive all or part of the
2 continuing education requirement to a licensee who shows to
3 the satisfaction of the board that the licensee was unable to
4 complete the requirement due to illness, emergency or
5 hardship. An individual applying for licensure in this
6 Commonwealth for the first time shall be exempted from the
7 continuing education requirement for the biennial renewal
8 period following initial licensure.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.