

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Massage Therapy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 131, “Licensure of Massage Therapists,” and Chapter 132, “Massage Therapy Education Curriculum,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments reflect changes to the Iowa Code that modified the number of hours required in a massage therapy program from 500 hours to 600 hours. The proposed amendments also revise the maximum number of hours in the clinical practicum.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than September 12, 2012, addressed to Pierce Wilson, Professional Licensure Division, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; e-mail pwilson@idph.state.ia.us.

A public hearing will be held on September 12, 2012, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 152C.3(1)“a.”

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 131.3(1) as follows:

131.3(1) The applicant shall have graduated from a board-approved school that has a minimum of ~~500~~ 600 hours of massage therapy education.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 132.2(6) as follows:

132.2(6) Schools that apply for curriculum approval shall, at a minimum, provide a curriculum that meets the requirements of this chapter, offer a course of study of at least ~~500~~ 600 clock hours or the equivalent in academic credit hours, and require for entrance into the massage therapy school graduation from high school or its equivalent.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 132.4(4) as follows:

132.4(4) The clinical practicum shall not exceed ~~100~~ 120 hours ~~of in~~ a ~~500~~ 600-hour program.