

**152C.5 Practice or use of title — license required.**

1. The practice of massage therapy as defined in [section 152C.1](#) is strictly prohibited by unlicensed individuals. It is a serious misdemeanor for a person to engage in or offer to engage in the practice of massage therapy, or use in connection with the person's name, the initials "L. M. T." or the words "licensed massage therapist", "massage therapist", "masseur", "masseuse", or any other word or title that implies or represents that the person practices massage therapy, unless the person possesses a license issued under the provisions of [section 152C.3](#).

2. It shall be an affirmative defense to a prosecution for a violation of [subsection 1](#), in addition to any other affirmative defenses for which the defendant might be eligible, that the defendant is a victim of a crime that is a violation of [section 710A.2](#).

[92 Acts, ch 1137, §5; 2000 Acts, ch 1185, §5; 2019 Acts, ch 106, §1](#)