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1 3 AN ACT
1 4 RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY BY PROVIDING FOR A STUDY REGARDING
1 5 THE MODALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH MASSAGE THERAPY AND PROVIDING
1 6 A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

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1 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 10 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 152C.5A MASSAGE THERAPY
1 11 MODALITIES STUDY.

1 12 The Iowa department of public health, with input from the
1 13 board, shall conduct a study regarding the modalities
1 14 associated with the practice of massage therapy. The study
1 15 shall be conducted with the input of licensed massage
1 16 therapists, reflexologists, and unlicensed persons practicing
1 17 modalities related to massage therapy. The objective of the
1 18 study shall be to determine which modalities shall be included
1 19 under the definition of massage therapy and require licensure,
1 20 and shall include, but not be limited to, a recommendation
1 21 regarding the licensure of reflexologists. The study shall
1 22 focus on the health, safety, and welfare of the public
1 23 regarding each of the modalities reviewed. The department
1 24 shall submit a report summarizing the results of the study and
1 25 making recommendations regarding modality inclusion to the
1 26 general assembly by January 15, 2004.

1 27 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 152C.7A TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS.

1 28 An individual who is engaged exclusively in the practice of
1 29 reflexology or an unlicensed individual who is practicing a
1 30 modality related to massage therapy, and whose professional
1 31 practice does not incorporate aspects that constitute massage
1 32 therapy as defined in section 152C.1, shall not be subject to
1 33 the licensure provisions of this chapter for a one-year period
1 34 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004. Beginning
1 35 July 1, 2004, an individual who is engaged exclusively in the
2 1 practice of reflexology or an unlicensed individual who is
2 2 practicing a modality related to massage therapy shall be
2 3 subject to licensure pursuant to this chapter unless, based
2 4 upon the recommendations contained in the massage therapy
2 5 modalities study as provided in section 152C.5A, the practice
2 6 of reflexology or an unlicensed individual who is practicing a
2 7 modality related to massage therapy is permanently exempted
2 8 from massage therapy licensure.

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2 13 CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
2 14 Speaker of the House

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2 18 MARY E. KRAMER
2 19 President of the Senate

2 20 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
2 21 is known as House File 204, Eightieth General Assembly.

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2 26 MARGARET THOMSON
2 27 Chief Clerk of the House

2 28 Approved _____, 2003

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2 31 THOMAS J. VILSACK
2 32 Governor