

**House File 304 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the education requirements for licensed  
2 massage therapists.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 152C.3, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Completion of a curriculum of massage education at a  
4 school approved by the board which requires for admission  
5 a diploma from an accredited high school or the equivalent  
6 and requires completion of at least ~~five~~ six hundred hours  
7 of supervised academic instruction. However, educational  
8 requirements under this paragraph are subject to reduction  
9 by the board if, after public notice and hearing, the board  
10 determines that the welfare of the public may be adequately  
11 protected with fewer hours of education.

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EXPLANATION

13 This bill raises the educational requirement for licensed  
14 massage therapists from 500 to 600 hours of supervised academic  
15 instruction.