

House File 479 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 1)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the practice of massage therapy, and
2 providing penalties.

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

1 Section 1. Section 152C.5, Code 2019, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **152C.5 Practice or use of title — license required.**

4 The practice of massage therapy as defined in section
5 152C.1 is strictly prohibited by unlicensed individuals. It
6 is ~~unlawful~~ a serious misdemeanor for a person to engage in or
7 offer to engage in the practice of massage therapy, or use in
8 connection with the person's name, the initials "L.M.T." or
9 the words "licensed massage therapist", "massage therapist",
10 "masseur", "masseuse", or any other word or title that implies
11 or represents that the person practices massage therapy, unless
12 the person possesses a license issued under the provisions of
13 section 152C.3.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill makes the practice of massage therapy or the use
18 of titles associated with massage therapists by an unlicensed
19 individual a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is
20 punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine
21 of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875.