

Senate Study Bill 1006 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON ZAUN)

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 **Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 152C.10 Enforcement.**

15 A political subdivision of the state shall not enact or
16 enforce any restrictions or requirements concerning massage
17 therapists and the practice of massage therapy that are
18 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

19 **EXPLANATION**

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

22 This bill makes the practice of massage therapy or the use
23 of titles associated with massage therapists by an unlicensed
24 individual a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is
25 punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine
26 of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875. The bill also
27 prohibits political subdivisions of the state from enacting or
28 enforcing restrictions on massage therapy or massage therapists
29 that are not contained in Code chapter 152C.