

**House File 285 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 285  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 61)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to professional standards for the certification  
2 or designation of music therapists and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 154G.1 Definitions.

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
3 requires:

4 1. "*Music therapist*" means a person who holds an active  
5 music therapist board-certified credential granted by the  
6 certification board for music therapists.

7 2. "*Music therapy*" means the clinical and evidence-based  
8 use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals  
9 for people of all ages and ability levels within a therapeutic  
10 relationship by a music therapist.

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 154G.2 Practice or use of title.

12 1. A person shall not profess to be a music therapist or  
13 board-certified music therapist or use the initials "MT-BC" or  
14 any other words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating  
15 or implying that the person is a music therapist unless the  
16 person holds and maintains the music therapist board-certified  
17 credential granted by the certification board for music  
18 therapists.

19 2. This chapter does not prohibit a person from using music  
20 in the performance of the person's profession or occupation  
21 if the person does not represent that the person is a music  
22 therapist.

23 3. A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally  
24 violates this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill requires any person claiming to be a music  
29 therapist to hold a music therapist board-certified credential  
30 granted by the certification board for music therapists.

31 The bill does not prohibit a person from using music in the  
32 performance of the person's profession if the person does not  
33 represent that the person is a music therapist.

34 A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally  
35 violates the bill is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A simple

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1 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than 30  
2 days or a fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855 or by  
3 both.