

CHAPTER 118

MUSIC THERAPIST CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

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AN ACT relating to professional standards for the certification or designation of music therapists and providing penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

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

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Music therapist*” means a person who holds an active music therapist board-certified credential granted by the certification board for music therapists.

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

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

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

2. [This chapter](#) does not prohibit a person from using music in the performance of the person’s profession or occupation if the person does not represent that the person is a music therapist.

3. A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally violates [this section](#) is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

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