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Kansas does not regulate Structural Integration or Massage Therapy at the state level.

Local governments may regulate massage or touch therapies, so practitioners will have to check with cities and counties to see where they stand, e.g., Overland

Park: <https://www.opkansas.org/doing-business/permits-and-licenses/massage-therapy-license/>

There was a bill for a Massage Therapy Practice Act presented in 2015 that included Exemption Language for Structural Integration. That bill did not pass.

Definition

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2015_16/measures/documents/hb2123_00_0000.pdf

HOUSE BILL No. 2123

(f) "Practice of massage therapy" means the care and services provided by a licensed massage therapist in a system of therapeutic, structured touch, palpation or movement of the skin, muscle, tendons, fascia and the lymphatic system of another person's body in order to enhance or restore the general health and well-being of the recipient.

(1) Such system includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Techniques such as effleurage, commonly called stroking or gliding; petrissage, commonly called kneading; tapotement or percussion; friction, vibration, compression;

(B) stretching within the normal anatomical range of movement;

(C) hydrotherapy; or

(D) such techniques which may be applied with or without the aid of lubricants, salt or herbal preparations, water, hot and cold applications or a massage device that mimics or enhances the actions possible by human 2 hands.

(2) or "massage therapy" does not include: "Massage"

(A) Medical or nursing diagnosis of injury, illness or disease; 5

(B) therapeutic exercise;

(C) chiropractic joint adjustment;

(D) physical therapy joint mobilization or manipulation; 8 (E) electrical stimulation or application of ultrasound; or

(F) dispensing or issuing prescriptions or pharmaceutical agents.

(g)

(1) therapy treatment plan that addresses client soft tissue manifestations, needs and concerns, including identifying indications, contraindications and precautions of massage therapy within the scope of the act;

Exemption

(b) Nothing in this act shall prohibit:

(11) persons engaged in the profession of *structural integration*, restoring postural balance and functional ease by integrating the body in gravity based on a system of fascial manipulation and awareness, provided that they do not hold themselves out to be massage therapists. Such practices include, but are not limited to, rolfing structural integration, the guild for structural integration and Hellerwork.