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**Pennsylvania licenses massage therapy and defines massage therapy broadly.
There is no exemption language for Structural Integration.**

Law and Regulation

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Statute

Massage Therapy Law, Act 118 of 2008 (Amended by Act 45 of 2009)

<http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/MassageTherapy/Documents/Applications%20and%20Forms/Non-Application%20Documents/MTM%20-%20Act%20118%20Amended%20Massage%20Therapy.pdf>

Section 2. Definitions.

"Massage therapy." The application of a system of structured touch, pressure, movement, holding and treatment of the soft tissue manifestations of the human body in which the primary intent is to enhance the health and well-being of the client without limitation, except as provided in this act. The term includes the external application of water, heat, cold, lubricants or other topical preparations, lymphatic techniques, myofascial release techniques and the use of electro-mechanical devices which mimic or enhance the action of the massage techniques. The term does not include the diagnosis or treatment of impairment, illness, disease or disability, a medical procedure, a chiropractic manipulation - adjustment, physical therapy mobilization - manual therapy, therapeutic exercise, electrical stimulation, ultrasound or prescription of medicines for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, occupational therapy, podiatry or other practice of the healing arts is required.

Section 7. Examinations.

The board shall contract with a professional testing organization for the examination of qualified applicants for licensure. The board shall approve the examination before it is administered. Any examination approved by the board must meet generally recognized psychometric principles and standards. All written, oral and practical examinations shall be prepared and administered by a qualified and approved professional testing organization in the manner prescribed for written examinations by section 812.1 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.

For existing practitioners, examination is a little different:

Section 5. Qualification for licensure.

(b) Existing practitioners.--The board shall issue a license to an applicant who, on the effective date of this subsection, complies with all of the following paragraphs:

(1) Is able to demonstrate that the applicant has conducted a business and been an active participant in that business which was mainly the practice of massage therapy.

(2) Meets the qualifications described in subsection (a)(1), (2), (5) and (6). (3) Complies with one of the following subparagraphs:

(i) Has been in active, continuous practice for at least five years immediately preceding the effective date of this section.

(ii) Has passed a massage therapy examination that is part of a certification program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies...

Regulation

State Code of Pennsylvania, Chapter 20, State Board of Massage Therapy

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter20/chap20toc.html#%A7%A0%A020.1>.

Examination

§ 20.23. Licensure examinations.

(a) The Board adopts the NCETM and NCETMB, including the NESL option, and MBLEx as approved examinations for initial licensure under section 7 of the act (63 P. S. § 627.7).

§ 20.24. Application requirements for existing practitioners.

(d) Existing practitioners applying for licensure under section 5(b)(3)(ii) of the act shall have the certification agency provide, directly to the Board, evidence that the practitioner passed a massage therapy examination that is part of a certification program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

Board Members

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