STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 30, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring a licensed massage therapist to present a state issued photo identification card when requested at the time of performing services

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 7802 of the education law, as amended by chapter 230 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

§ 7802. Practice of massage therapy and use of title "masseur", "masseuse" or "massage therapist" or the term "massage" or "massage therapy". Only a person licensed or authorized pursuant to this chapter shall practice massage therapy and only a person licensed under this article shall use the title "masseur", "masseuse" or "massage therapist". No person, firm, partnership or corporation claiming to be engaged in the practice of massage or massage therapy shall in any manner describe, advertise, or place any advertisement for services as defined in section seventy-eight hundred one of this article unless such services are performed by a person licensed or authorized pursuant to this chapter. **A person licensed and registered to practice massage therapy under this article shall obtain a professional photo identification card issued by the department. Upon request, a person licensed and registered to practice massage therapy under this article shall present such card at the time and place where such licensee is providing services.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that within one year of the effective date of this act, all persons licensed and registered to practice massage therapy under title eight of the education law shall be in compliance with the provisions of this act.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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