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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Sonia Chang-Diaz*, (BY REQUEST)**

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act regarding massage therapist licensure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Sonia Chang-Diaz	*[District]*
Robert L. Hedlund	*[District]*
William Reece	*Balanced Health Manangement Inc.* *30 Chauncy Street* *Boston, MA 02111*

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 90) of Sonia Chang-Diaz and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to massage therapist licensure. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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An Act regarding massage therapist licensure.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 227 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 18 through 21 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: -

Massage therapy shall include the prescription of stretching techniques and exercises but shall specifically not include diagnoses, the prescribing of drugs or medicines, spinal or other joint manipulations or any services or procedures for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, occupational therapy or podiatry is required by law.

SECTION 2. Section 229 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a)(5) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: -

(a)(5) he shall have successfully completed a course of study consisting of at least 900 classroom hours at an accredited massage school which shall consist of 200 hours of anatomy, physiology, and pathology, 150 hours of kinesiology and/or mycology, 50 hours in the subject of hygiene, first aid, CPR, HIV including the instruction of infection control procedures, 180 hours of general theory and applications of massage therapy, 200 hours of additional instruction including a minimum of 75 hours of ethics, law, and business practices, and 120 hours of actual hands-on practical massage therapy in a clinic or other supervised setting;

SECTION 3, Said section 229 of said chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding after subsection (c), the following subsection:-

(d) The board shall renew existing practitioners who, within a twelve month period following the effective date of this section have done one of the following: (1) completed 150 hours of continuing education as prescribed by the board; (2) passed the nation certification

23 board for therapeutic massage and bodywork (NCBTMB) certification examination; or (3) is
24 able to demonstrate that the applicant has been in active continuous practice of massage therapy
25 for at least five years immediately preceding the effective date of this section.