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SENATE BILL 24-201

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE HOURS OF WORK IN A MASSAGE
102 THERAPY PROGRAM REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE AS A MASSAGE
103 THERAPIST.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law requires an applicant for massage therapist licensure to attain a degree, obtain a diploma, or otherwise successfully complete a massage therapy program that consists of at least 500 total hours of coursework and clinical work from an approved massage school. The bill increases the coursework and clinical work minimum requirement to 650

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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total hours starting July 1, 2024.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-235-108, **amend**
3 (1)(a) as follows:

4 **12-235-108. License - requirements - denial of license**
5 **application.** (1) Every applicant for a license to practice massage therapy
6 shall:

7 (a) (I) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
8 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, attain a degree, OBTAIN A
9 diploma, or otherwise successfully complete a massage therapy program
10 that consists of at least ~~five~~ SIX hundred FIFTY total hours of coursework
11 and clinical work from an approved massage school.

12 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION
13 (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

14 (A) IS ENROLLED AND PARTICIPATING IN A MASSAGE TRAINING
15 PROGRAM AT AN APPROVED MASSAGE SCHOOL ON JULY 1, 2024;

16 (B) SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATES FROM THE APPROVED MASSAGE
17 SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025; AND

18 (C) APPLIES FOR A COLORADO MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE
19 WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATING
20 FROM THE APPROVED MASSAGE SCHOOL.

21 **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act applies to applications for
22 licensure as a massage therapist submitted on or after the effective date
23 of this act.

24 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

1 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
2 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
3 institutions.