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STATE OF COLORADO**

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on Second Reading in the Second House*

LLS NO. 24-1152.01 Yelana Love x2295

**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.**

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**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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
May 5, 2024

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 23, 2024

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 22, 2024

total hours starting July 1, 2024.

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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 OR BEFORE JULY 1,  
16 2024; AND

17 (B) SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATES FROM THE APPROVED MASSAGE  
18 SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025.

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

22 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.