

- (1) Employ, hire, engage, or otherwise contract with a person who is not licensed or exempted under this Article to provide massage and bodywork therapy services to the public.
- (2) Aid and abet any person not licensed or exempted under this Article in the practice of massage and bodywork therapy.
- (3) Advertise, represent, or hold out any person not licensed or exempted under this Article to others as a massage and bodywork therapist.
- (4) Describe the practice of any person not licensed or exempted under this Article or use any title descriptive of any branch of massage and bodywork therapy to reference any such person in violation of G.S. 90-623.

(b4) A person who violates subsection (b3) of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(c) The Board may make application to superior court for an order enjoining a violation of this Article. Upon a showing by the Board that a person, association, partnership, corporation, or other entity has violated or is about to violate this Article, the court may grant an injunction, restraining order, or take other appropriate action."

SECTION 4. G.S. 105-41(a) reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-41. Attorneys-at-law and other professionals.

(a) Every individual in this State who practices a profession or engages in a business and is included in the list below must obtain from the Secretary a statewide license for the privilege of practicing the profession or engaging in the business. A license required by this section is not transferable to another person. The tax for each license is fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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- (2) A physician, a veterinarian, a surgeon, an osteopath, a chiropractor, a chiropodist, a dentist, an ophthalmologist, an optician, an optometrist, a massage and bodywork therapist, or another person who practices a professional art of healing.

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SECTION 5. In consultation with the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services shall study the feasibility of training health care providers, emergency medical providers, and relevant first responders in human trafficking identification and response and preventative tools and methods. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Human Trafficking Commission, and the Governor no later than February 1, 2018.

SECTION 6. Section 1 and Section 3(l) of this act become effective December 1, 2017, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. Sections 2(a) through 2(c) and 3(a) through 3(k) of this act become effective October 1, 2017. Section 4 of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2018. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of June, 2017.

s/ Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives