

CHAPTER NO. 251

SENATE BILL NO. 1196

By Cooper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1796

By Arriola

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 18, Part 2, relative to licensure of massage therapists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-18-205(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(3) The applicant has:

(A) Successfully completed the curriculum or curriculum of one (1) or more post-secondary academic institutions for massage, bodywork and/or somatic therapy as defined by board regulations, totaling five hundred (500) hours or more, such institutions being approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission or its equivalent in other states; and

(B) Received a passing score on a competency examination approved by the board.

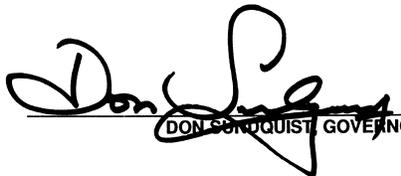
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 2001


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2001


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