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To: Members, Arkansas State Board of Health

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Subject: To request approval by the State Board of Health of the following proposed amendments to the Rules for Massage Therapy.

Authority: Ark. Code §17-86-101, et seq.

Relevant Acts: Acts 2025, Nos. 267 and 484.

- Pursuant to Acts 2025. No. 629, Language added to 17 CAR § 52-102 Definitions; 17 CAR § 52-105 Enforcement; 17 CAR § 52-106 Access for enforcement of rules; 17 CAR § 52-107 Authorization by the Department of Health; 17 CAR § 52-109 Inspections; 17 CAR § 52-110 Complaints; 17 CAR § 52-111 Hearings; 17 CAR § 52-113 Policies and Procedures (e)(1), (f) and (h)(3)(B); 17 CAR § 52-117 Massage Therapy Establishments (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i); 17 CAR § 52-118 (b) Application for Massage Therapy school. (1), (2) (H), and (3); 17 CAR § 52-118 (c) Purchase of an existing massage therapy school. (1)(A), (B)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), 17 CAR § 52-118 (d) Relocation of a massage therapy school or postsecondary massage therapy school. (1), (2) (G), and (3).
- Pursuant to Acts 2025, No. 484, all establishments and schools shall post in a conspicuous place near the entrance of the establishment or school and in restrooms, a poster language added to 17 CAR § 52-108. Consumer information.
- Pursuant to Acts 2025, No. 170 Language added to 17 CAR § 54-311. Responsibility of body art institution. (a) (3)
- Industry Request language added to 17 CAR § 52-118 (j) Certification of Training Form
- Clarification to Massage Therapy Statute § 17-86-311 language added to 17 CAR § 52-120 (e) and (1)
- Pursuant to Acts 2025, No. 267 language added to 17 CAR § 52-121

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