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To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2320

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-67-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE APPROVED BY THE STATE
3 BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY FOR REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE
4 THERAPISTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-67-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-67-23. (1) The purpose of requiring examination is to
9 determine that each applicant for registration possesses the
10 minimum skills and knowledge to practice competently.

11 (2) The board shall accept as evidence of competency, in
12 addition to all other requirements as stated in this chapter, the
13 successful completion of the "National Certification Examination
14 for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork" (NCETMB) and/or any other
15 state, nationally or internationally accredited examination
16 approved by the board.

17 (3) Eligibility requirements to take the NCETMB are set by
18 the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and
19 Bodywork as stated in the NCETMB candidate handbook. Eligibility
20 to take the ABTE shall be determined by the National Certification
21 Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine as stated in the
22 NCCAOM candidate handbook.

23 (4) An applicant for registration who has been previously
24 registered may be required to take the NCETMB or ABTE or any other
25 examination approved by the board and achieve a passing score
26 before re-registration under any one (1) of the following
27 circumstances:

28 (a) The applicant has been unregistered voluntarily for
29 more than thirty-six (36) calendar months; or

30 (b) The board may require reexamination in any
31 disciplinary order, based upon the findings and conclusions
32 relative to the competency of a holder of a certificate of
33 registration to practice massage before issuing an unconditional
34 certificate of registration.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2007.