



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 870	Assembly Amendment 1
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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 870

The bill expands the scope of the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy to include all of the following:

- The application of structural and elastic supportive tape to the skin.
- The provision of body spa services, as defined by the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board by rule, including the application of body wraps and scrubs.
- Active and passive stretching.
- Moving a body part through assisted range of motion.
- Instruction on the self-application outside of the treatment setting of certain massage therapy and bodywork therapy techniques.

The bill also authorizes the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy by a massage therapy or bodywork therapy extern or intern under the supervision of a licensed massage therapist or bodywork therapist. The bill requires the board to establish standards for that practice.

Lastly, the bill provides that the penalty for the unauthorized practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy is a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to 90 days or both.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

The amendment eliminates the words “moving a body part through assisted range of motion” from the scope of practice of massage therapy and bodywork therapy.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Tittl on February 10, 2016. On the same day, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 5.

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