

House Bill 305 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 practice of massage therapy, so as to revise a definition; to revise a provision relating to  
3 continuing education requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the practice  
8 of massage therapy, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 43-24A-3,  
9 relating to definitions, as follows:

10 "(4) 'Board recognized massage therapy educational program' means an educational  
11 program located within or outside the State of Georgia that receives compensation for  
12 training two or more persons in massage therapy or its modalities, ~~that~~ which has  
13 submitted an application and fee, been approved by a national massage therapy certifying  
14 organization or entity approved by the board, and ~~which~~ meets the standards for training  
15 and curriculum as set out by the board in its rules, including, but not limited to, standards  
16 for training and curriculum ~~which~~ that are consistent with:

- 17 (A) The Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission as provided in Code Section  
18 20-3-250.4;
- 19 (B) A postsecondary institution of the Technical College System of Georgia that is  
20 accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and  
21 Schools; or
- 22 (C) A postsecondary institution that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized  
23 by the United States Department of Education and that is authorized or approved by a  
24 professional licensing board, department, or agency in another state, jurisdiction, or  
25 territory whose standards have been determined by the board to be equivalent to the  
26 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 43-24A-20,  
29 relating to continuing education requirements, as follows:

30 "(b) Continuing education requirements or credits used for license renewal shall be  
31 approved by the board and provided by an instructor approved by and in good standing  
32 with a national massage therapy certifying organization or entity approved by the board."

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.