

SENATE BILL NO. 119—SENATOR CARLTON (BY REQUEST)

FEBRUARY 5, 2009

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing massage therapists.
(BDR 54-162)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to professions; revising provisions governing the regulation of massage therapists by the Board of Massage Therapists; prohibiting certain misleading and deceptive practices relating to massage therapy; revising provisions governing the discipline of massage therapists; authorizing the Board to issue administrative citations and to impose administrative fines for certain violations; revising provisions governing the temporary suspension of licenses of massage therapists; requiring law enforcement agencies to provide certain records to the Board or its Executive Director upon request; providing remedies and penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, massage therapists must be licensed by the Board of
2 Massage Therapists. (Chapter 640C of NRS) **Sections 2, 3 and 11** of this bill
3 require a massage therapist to display his original license, not a copy or replica, at
4 each location where he practices massage therapy. (NRS 640C.450) **Section 3**
5 prohibits a person from: (1) forging or counterfeiting a license; (2) altering, copying
6 or replicating a license for the purpose of aiding or abetting an unlawful act; or (3)
7 using or displaying a license that has been forged or counterfeited or has been
8 altered, copied or replicated for the purpose of aiding or abetting an unlawful act.
9 **Sections 4 and 16** of this bill prohibit an unlicensed person from advertising as
10 a massage therapist and prohibit a licensed person from using any false or
11 misleading statements in advertising. (NRS 640C.910) **Sections 4 and 16** also
12 prohibit an unlicensed person from having his name listed in a telephone directory



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13 under a heading such as “massage” which indicates or implies that he is licensed or
14 qualified to practice massage therapy. **Sections 4 and 16** also authorize the Board
15 to issue an order to cease and desist from engaging in unlawful advertising.
16 **Sections 4, 18 and 19** of this bill contain provisions whereby the Board can have
17 telephone numbers for any type of telephone, messaging or paging service
18 disconnected because they are included in unlawful advertising. (NRS 703.175,
19 707.355)

20 Existing law authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action by imposing
21 administrative fines. (NRS 640C.710) **Section 14** of this bill provides that the
22 Board may impose an administrative fine of not more than \$10,000 for each
23 violation, unless a greater fine is required pursuant to **section 5** of this bill. **Section**
24 **5** requires the Board to impose, based on the number of violations, increasing
25 administrative fines of not more than \$50,000 against a licensee who has engaged
26 in or solicited sexual activity during a massage therapy session or has been
27 convicted of a crime involving violence, prostitution or any other sexual offense
28 that occurred during a massage therapy session.

29 **Section 7** of this bill authorizes the Board to issue administrative citations for
30 any statutory or regulatory violations relating to massage therapy and provides that
31 an unlicensed person who fails to comply with a citation is guilty of a
32 misdemeanor. A citation may include an order to: (1) pay an administrative fine;
33 (2) correct a condition resulting from a violation; and (3) reimburse the Board for
34 expenses incurred to investigate the violation. **Section 8** of this bill allows a person
35 to request a hearing before the Board to contest an administrative citation.

36 Existing law provides for the temporary suspension of a massage therapy
37 license without a prior hearing for a period of 15 or 30 days under certain exigent
38 circumstances. (NRS 640C.720) Generally, procedural due process entitles a
39 licensee to a hearing before his license is suspended. (*Barry v. Barchi*, 443 U.S. 55,
40 99 S. Ct. 2642 (1979); U.S. Const. Amend. XIV, § 1; Nev. Const. Art. 1, § 8)
41 However, when exigent circumstances justify immediate action, a statute may
42 provide for the temporary suspension of a license without a prior hearing if the
43 statute requires a post-suspension administrative review where a hearing is held and
44 a final decision is rendered as promptly as is practicable. (*Federal Deposit*
45 *Insurance Corporation v. Mallen*, 486 U.S. 230, 108 S. Ct. 1780 (1988); *Sierra Life*
46 *Insurance Company v. Rottman*, 95 Nev. 654 (1979)) **Section 15** of this bill: (1)
47 provides for the temporary suspension of a massage therapy license without a prior
48 hearing for a period not to exceed 60 days under certain exigent circumstances; (2)
49 authorizes the licensee to request a post-suspension administrative review; and (3)
50 requires the Board to hold a hearing and render a final decision as promptly as is
51 practicable but not later than 60 days after the date of the initial suspension.
52 (NRS 640C.720)

53 **Section 15** of this bill also authorizes the Board and its Executive Director to
54 request from state and local law enforcement agencies all records relating to any
55 charge or citation against a massage therapist for a crime involving violence,
56 prostitution or any other sexual offense. (NRS 640C.720) **Sections 15 and 17** of
57 this bill require a law enforcement agency to provide the requested records as soon
58 as reasonably practicable. (NRS 179A.100) **Section 15** also provides that the Board
59 and its Executive Director: (1) must maintain the confidentiality of the records; and
60 (2) may use the records for the sole and limited purpose of determining whether to
61 take disciplinary action against the massage therapist.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 640C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2. 1.** *“Original license” means the actual license*
5 *which is issued to the licensee by the Board and which is current*
6 *and valid.*

7 **2.** *The term does not include any photocopy print, photostat*
8 *or other replica of such a license.*

9 **Sec. 3. 1.** *A person shall not:*

10 **(a)** *Counterfeit or forge or attempt to counterfeit or forge a*
11 *license to practice massage therapy; or*

12 **(b)** *For the purpose of aiding or abetting an unlawful act:*

13 **(1)** *Alter or attempt to alter a license to practice massage*
14 *therapy; or*

15 **(2)** *Make or attempt to make any photocopy print, photostat*
16 *or other replica of a license to practice massage therapy.*

17 **2.** *A person shall not use or display a license to practice*
18 *massage therapy that:*

19 **(a)** *Is not the original license issued to the person;*

20 **(b)** *Has been counterfeited or forged;*

21 **(c)** *Has been altered, copied or replicated for the purpose of*
22 *aiding or abetting an unlawful act; or*

23 **(d)** *Has been issued to another person.*

24 **3.** *A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty*
25 *of a misdemeanor.*

26 **Sec. 4. 1.** *A person shall not advertise as a massage*
27 *therapist in this State unless the person is licensed to practice*
28 *massage therapy pursuant to this chapter.*

29 **2.** *A person licensed to practice massage therapy pursuant to*
30 *this chapter shall not disseminate, as part of any advertising by the*
31 *massage therapist, any false or misleading statement or*
32 *representation of material fact that is intended, directly or*
33 *indirectly, to induce another person to use the services of the*
34 *massage therapist.*

35 **3.** *All advertising by a licensed massage therapist must*
36 *include his name, the name of his company, if applicable, and the*
37 *number of his license.*

38 **4.** *A person who violates any provision of subsection 1, 2 or 3*
39 *is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

40 **5.** *If, after notice and a hearing as required by law, the Board*
41 *determines that a person has engaged in advertising in a manner*
42 *that violates the provisions of this section or NRS 640C.910, the*



1 *Board may, in addition to any penalty, punishment or disciplinary*
2 *action authorized by the provisions of this chapter, order the*
3 *person to cease and desist the unlawful advertising and order the*
4 *person to cause any telephone number included in the advertising*
5 *to be disconnected from service.*

6 *6. If the Board orders the person to cause any telephone*
7 *number to be disconnected from service and the person fails to*
8 *comply within 5 days after the date on which he is served with the*
9 *order, the Board may:*

10 *(a) If the provider is regulated by the Public Utilities*
11 *Commission of Nevada, request the Commission to order the*
12 *provider to disconnect the telephone number from service*
13 *pursuant to NRS 703.175 and 707.355; or*

14 *(b) If the provider is not regulated by the Public Utilities*
15 *Commission of Nevada, request the provider to disconnect the*
16 *telephone number from service and inform the provider that the*
17 *request is made pursuant to this section. Upon receiving such a*
18 *request, the provider shall take such action as is necessary to*
19 *disconnect the telephone number from service.*

20 *7. A provider shall not:*

21 *(a) Forward or offer to forward the telephone calls of a*
22 *telephone number disconnected from service pursuant to this*
23 *section; or*

24 *(b) Provide or offer to provide a message that includes a new*
25 *telephone number for the person whose telephone number was*
26 *disconnected from service pursuant to this section.*

27 *8. If a provider complies in good faith with a request to*
28 *disconnect a telephone number from service pursuant to this*
29 *section, such good-faith compliance shall constitute a complete*
30 *defense to any civil or criminal action brought against the*
31 *provider arising from the disconnection or termination of service.*

32 *9. As used in this section:*

33 *(a) "Advertising" includes, without limitation, the issuance of*
34 *any sign, card or device, or the permitting or allowing of any sign*
35 *or marking on a motor vehicle, in any building, structure,*
36 *newspaper, magazine or airway transmission, on the Internet or in*
37 *any directory under the listing of "massage therapist" or*
38 *"massage" with or without any limiting qualifications.*

39 *(b) "Provider" means a provider of any type of telephone,*
40 *messaging or paging service.*

41 *(c) "Provider of messaging or paging service" means an entity*
42 *that provides any type of messaging or paging service to any type*
43 *of communication device.*

44 *(d) "Provider of telephone service" has the meaning ascribed*
45 *to it in NRS 707.355.*



1 (e) "Telephone number" means any sequence of numbers or
2 characters, or both, used by a provider to provide any type of
3 telephone, messaging or paging service.

4 **Sec. 5. 1.** In addition to any other actions authorized by
5 NRS 640C.710, if the Board finds that a licensee has engaged in
6 or solicited sexual activity during the course of practicing massage
7 on a person or has been convicted of a crime involving violence,
8 prostitution or any other sexual offense that occurred during the
9 course of practicing massage on a person, the Board shall:

10 (a) For a first violation, impose an administrative fine of not
11 less than \$1,000 and not more than \$50,000;

12 (b) For a second violation, impose an administrative fine of
13 not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$50,000; and

14 (c) For a third violation and for each additional violation,
15 impose an administrative fine of not less than \$10,000 and not
16 more than \$50,000.

17 2. The Board shall, by regulation, establish standards for use
18 by the Board in determining the amount of an administrative fine
19 imposed pursuant to this section. The standards must include,
20 without limitation, provisions requiring the Board to consider:

21 (a) The gravity of the violation;

22 (b) The good faith of the licensee; and

23 (c) Any history of previous violations of the provisions of this
24 chapter committed by the licensee.

25 **Sec. 6.** The expiration of a license by operation of law or by
26 order or decision of the Board or a court, or the voluntary
27 surrender of a license by a licensee, does not deprive the Board of
28 jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of, or action or
29 disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a
30 decision suspending or revoking the license.

31 **Sec. 7. 1.** If the Board or its designee, based upon a
32 preponderance of the evidence, has reason to believe that a person
33 has committed an act which constitutes a violation of this chapter
34 or the regulations of the Board, the Board or its designee, as
35 appropriate, may issue or authorize the issuance of a written
36 administrative citation to the person. A citation issued pursuant to
37 this section may include, without limitation:

38 (a) An order to take action to correct a condition resulting
39 from an act that constitutes a violation of this chapter or the
40 regulations of the Board, at the person's cost;

41 (b) An order to pay an administrative fine for each violation;
42 and

43 (c) An order to reimburse the Board for the amount of the
44 expenses incurred to investigate each violation.



1 2. *If the citation includes an order to take action to correct a*
2 *condition resulting from an act that constitutes a violation of this*
3 *chapter or the regulations of the Board, the citation must:*

4 (a) *State the time permitted for compliance, which must not be*
5 *less than 15 business days after the date on which the citation is*
6 *issued to the person; and*

7 (b) *Describe, in specific detail, the action required to be taken.*

8 3. *If the citation is issued to a licensee and includes an order*
9 *to pay an administrative fine for one or more violations, the*
10 *amount of the administrative fine must not exceed the maximum*
11 *amount authorized by NRS 640C.710 or section 5 of this act, as*
12 *appropriate for each violation.*

13 4. *If the citation is issued to an unlicensed person and*
14 *includes an order to pay an administrative fine for one or more*
15 *violations, the amount of the administrative fine:*

16 (a) *For a first violation, must not be less than \$1,000 and must*
17 *not be more than \$50,000;*

18 (b) *For a second violation, must not be less than \$5,000 and*
19 *must not be more than \$50,000; and*

20 (c) *For a third violation and for each additional violation,*
21 *must not be less than \$10,000 and must not be more than \$50,000.*

22 5. *The sanctions authorized by this section are separate from,*
23 *and in addition to, any other remedy, civil or criminal, authorized*
24 *by this chapter.*

25 6. *The failure of an unlicensed person to comply with a*
26 *citation or order after it is final is a misdemeanor. If an*
27 *unlicensed person does not pay an administrative fine imposed*
28 *pursuant to this section within 60 days after the order of the Board*
29 *becomes final, the order may be executed upon in the same*
30 *manner as a judgment issued by a court.*

31 **Sec. 8. 1.** *If a person is issued a written administrative*
32 *citation pursuant to section 7 of this act, the person may request a*
33 *hearing before the Board to contest the citation by filing a written*
34 *request with the Board:*

35 (a) *Not later than 15 business days after the date on which the*
36 *citation is issued to the person; or*

37 (b) *If the Board, for good cause shown, extends the time*
38 *allowed to file a written request for a hearing to contest the*
39 *citation, on or before the later date specified by the Board.*

40 2. *If the person files a written request for a hearing to contest*
41 *the citation within the time allowed pursuant to this section:*

42 (a) *The Board shall provide notice of and conduct the hearing*
43 *in the same manner as other disciplinary proceedings; and*

44 (b) *At the hearing, the person may contest, without limitation:*



1 (1) *The facts forming the basis for the determination that*
2 *the person has committed an act which constitutes a violation of*
3 *this chapter or the regulations of the Board;*

4 (2) *The time allowed to take any corrective action ordered;*

5 (3) *The amount of any administrative fine ordered;*

6 (4) *The amount of any order to reimburse the Board for the*
7 *expenses incurred to investigate the violation; and*

8 (5) *Whether any corrective action described in the citation*
9 *is reasonable.*

10 3. *If the person does not file a written request for a hearing to*
11 *contest the citation within the time allowed pursuant to this*
12 *section, the citation shall be deemed a final order of the Board and*
13 *not subject to review by any court or agency.*

14 4. *For the purposes of this section, a citation shall be deemed*
15 *to have been issued to a person on:*

16 (a) *The date on which the citation is personally delivered to the*
17 *person; or*

18 (b) *If the citation is mailed, the date on which the citation is*
19 *mailed by certified mail to the last known business or residential*
20 *address of the person.*

21 **Sec. 9.** NRS 640C.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 640C.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
23 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 640C.030 to
24 640C.060, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act* have the meanings
25 ascribed to them in those sections.

26 **Sec. 10.** NRS 640C.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 640C.320 The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out the
28 provisions of this chapter. The regulations must include, without
29 limitation, provisions that:

30 1. Establish the requirements for continuing education for the
31 renewal of a license;

32 2. Establish the requirements for the approval of a course of
33 continuing education, including, without limitation, a course on a
34 specialty technique of massage therapy;

35 3. Establish the requirements for the approval of an instructor
36 of a course of continuing education;

37 4. Establish requirements relating to sanitation, hygiene and
38 safety relating to the practice of massage therapy;

39 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, prescribe the
40 requirements for any practical, oral or written examination for a
41 license that the Board may require, including, without limitation, the
42 passing grade for such an examination; ~~and~~

43 6. Establish the period within which the Board or its designee
44 must report the results of the investigation of an applicant ~~and~~ *and*



1 **7. Prescribe the form of a written administrative citation**
2 **pursuant to section 7 of this act.**

3 **Sec. 11.** NRS 640C.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 640C.450 **1.** Each licensee shall display his **original** license
5 in a conspicuous manner at each location where he practices
6 massage therapy. **If a licensee practices massage therapy in more**
7 **than one place, he must carry his original license with him and**
8 **display it wherever he is actually working.**

9 **2. A licensee shall obtain a replacement of his original**
10 **license from the Board if his:**

11 (a) **Original license is destroyed, misplaced or mutilated; or**

12 (b) **Name or address as printed on the original license has**
13 **changed.**

14 **3. To obtain a replacement license, the licensee must:**

15 (a) **File an affidavit with the Board, on the form prescribed by**
16 **the Board, which states that his original license was destroyed,**
17 **misplaced or mutilated or that his name or address as printed on**
18 **the original license has changed; and**

19 (b) **Pay the fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to**
20 **NRS 640C.520.**

21 **Sec. 12.** NRS 640C.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 640C.520 **1.** The Board shall establish a schedule of fees and
23 charges. The fees for the following items must not exceed the
24 following amounts:

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26	An examination established by the Board pursuant to
27	this chapter..... \$600
28	An application for a license..... 300
29	An application for a license without an examination..... 300
30	A background check of an applicant..... 600
31	The issuance of a license..... 400
32	The renewal of a license..... 200
33	The restoration of an expired license 500
34	The reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license 500
35	The issuance of a duplicate replacement license 75
36	The restoration of an inactive license..... 300
37	

38 **2.** The total fees collected by the Board pursuant to this section
39 must not exceed the amount of money necessary for the operation of
40 the Board and for the maintenance of an adequate reserve.

41 **Sec. 13.** NRS 640C.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 640C.700 The Board may refuse to issue a license to an
43 applicant, or may initiate disciplinary action against a holder of a
44 license, if the applicant or holder of the license:



- 1 1. Has submitted false, fraudulent or misleading information to
2 the Board or any agency of this State, any other state, a territory or
3 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or the
4 Federal Government;
- 5 2. Has violated any provision of this chapter or any regulation
6 adopted pursuant thereto;
- 7 3. Has been convicted of a crime involving violence,
8 prostitution or any other sexual offense, a crime involving any type
9 of larceny, a crime relating to a controlled substance, a crime
10 involving any federal or state law or regulation relating to massage
11 therapy or a substantially similar business, or a crime involving
12 moral turpitude within the immediately preceding 10 years ; ~~†~~
- 13 4. Has engaged in or solicited sexual activity during the course
14 of practicing massage on a person, with or without the consent of
15 the person, including, without limitation, if the applicant or holder
16 of the license:
 - 17 (a) Made sexual advances toward the person;
 - 18 (b) Requested sexual favors from the person; or
 - 19 (c) Massaged, touched or applied any instrument to the breasts
20 of the person, unless the person has signed a written consent form
21 provided by the Board;
- 22 5. Has habitually abused alcohol or is addicted to a controlled
23 substance;
- 24 6. Is, in the judgment of the Board, guilty of gross negligence
25 in his practice of massage therapy;
- 26 7. Is determined by the Board to be professionally incompetent
27 to engage in the practice of massage therapy;
- 28 8. Has failed to provide information requested by the Board
29 within 60 days after he received the request;
- 30 9. Has, in the judgment of the Board, engaged in unethical or
31 unprofessional conduct as it relates to the practice of massage
32 therapy;
- 33 10. Has been disciplined in another state, a territory or
34 possession of the United States or the District of Columbia for
35 conduct that would be a violation of the provisions of this chapter or
36 any regulations adopted pursuant thereto if the conduct were
37 committed in this State;
- 38 11. Has solicited or received compensation for services relating
39 to the practice of massage therapy that he did not provide;
- 40 12. If the holder of the license is on probation, has violated the
41 terms of his probation; ~~†~~
- 42 13. Has engaged in false, deceptive or misleading advertising,
43 including, without limitation, falsely, deceptively or misleadingly
44 advertising that he has received training in a specialty technique of
45 massage for which he has not received training, practicing massage



1 therapy under an assumed name and impersonating a licensed
2 massage therapist ~~[H]~~;

3 **14.** *Has failed to comply with a written administrative citation*
4 *issued pursuant to section 7 of this act within the time permitted*
5 *for compliance set forth in the citation or, if a hearing is held*
6 *pursuant to section 8 of this act, within 15 business days after the*
7 *hearing; or*

8 **15.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 14, has failed*
9 *to pay an administrative fine imposed pursuant to this chapter*
10 *within 30 days after:*

11 (a) *Receiving notice of the imposition of the fine; or*

12 (b) *The final administrative or judicial decision affirming the*
13 *imposition of the fine,*

14 *↳ whichever occurs later.*

15 **Sec. 14.** NRS 640C.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 640C.710 1. If, after notice and a hearing as required by law,
17 the Board finds one or more grounds for taking disciplinary action,
18 the Board may:

19 (a) Place the applicant or holder of the license on probation for a
20 specified period or until further order of the Board;

21 (b) Administer to the applicant or holder of the license a public
22 reprimand;

23 (c) Refuse to issue, renew, reinstate or restore the license;

24 (d) Suspend or revoke the license;

25 (e) ~~[Impose]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this*
26 *act, impose* an administrative fine of not more than ~~[\$1,000 per day~~
27 ~~for each day for which the Board determines that a violation~~
28 ~~occurred;]~~ *\$10,000 for each violation;*

29 (f) Require the applicant or holder of the license to pay the costs
30 incurred by the Board to conduct the investigation and hearing; or

31 (g) Impose any combination of actions set forth in paragraphs
32 (a) to (f), inclusive.

33 2. The order of the Board may contain such other terms,
34 provisions or conditions as the Board deems appropriate.

35 3. The order of the Board and the findings of fact and
36 conclusions of law supporting that order are public records.

37 4. The Board shall not issue a private reprimand.

38 **Sec. 15.** NRS 640C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 640C.720 Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary:

40 1. If the Board finds, *based upon evidence in its possession,*
41 *that immediate action is necessary to protect the health, safety or*
42 *welfare of the public, the Board may, upon providing notice by*
43 *certified mail* to the massage therapist, temporarily suspend his
44 license *without a prior hearing* for a period not to exceed ~~[30 days.~~
45 ~~For good cause,]~~ *60 days. The massage therapist may file a written*



1 *request for a hearing to challenge the necessity of the temporary*
2 *suspension. The written request must be filed not later than 20*
3 *days after the date on which the Board mails notice of the*
4 *temporary suspension. If the massage therapist:*

5 (a) *Files a timely written request for a hearing, the Board shall*
6 *hold a hearing and render a final decision regarding the necessity*
7 *of the temporary suspension as promptly as is practicable but not*
8 *later than 60 days after the date on which the Board mails notice*
9 *of the temporary suspension. After holding such a hearing, the*
10 Board may extend the period of the temporary suspension if the
11 Board ~~[deems]~~ *finds, for good cause shown, that such action* ~~[to be]~~
12 *is necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of the public*
13 *pending proceedings for disciplinary action.* ~~[In any such case, a]~~

14 (b) *Does not file a timely written request for a hearing and the*
15 *Board wants to consider extending the period of the temporary*
16 *suspension, the Board shall schedule a hearing and notify the*
17 *massage therapist immediately by certified mail of the date of the*
18 *hearing. The hearing must be held and a final decision rendered*
19 *regarding whether to extend the period of the temporary suspension*
20 *as promptly as is practicable but not later than* ~~[30]~~ *60 days after*
21 *the date on which the Board* ~~[notifies the massage therapist]~~ *mails*
22 *notice of the initial temporary suspension. After holding such a*
23 *hearing, the Board may extend the period of the temporary*
24 *suspension if the Board finds, for good cause shown, that such*
25 *action is necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of the*
26 *public pending proceedings for disciplinary action.*

27 2. If a massage therapist is charged with or cited for a crime
28 involving violence, prostitution or any other sexual offense, the
29 appropriate law enforcement agency shall report the charge or
30 citation to the Executive Director ~~[.]~~ *of the Board.* Upon receiving
31 such a report, the Executive Director shall immediately issue *by*
32 *certified mail to the massage therapist* a cease and desist order
33 temporarily suspending the license of the massage therapist ~~[.]~~
34 *without a prior hearing.* The temporary suspension of the license is
35 effective immediately upon issuance of the cease and desist order
36 and must not exceed ~~[15 days. For good cause.]~~ *60 days. The*
37 *massage therapist may file a written request for a hearing to*
38 *challenge the necessity of the temporary suspension. The written*
39 *request must be filed not later than 20 days after the date on which*
40 *the Executive Director mails the cease and desist order. If the*
41 *massage therapist:*

42 (a) *Files a timely written request for a hearing, the Board shall*
43 *hold a hearing and render a final decision regarding the necessity*
44 *of the temporary suspension as promptly as is practicable but not*
45 *later than 60 days after the date on which the Executive Director*



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2 *Board may extend the period of the temporary suspension if the*
3 *Board ~~[deems]~~ finds, for good cause shown, that such action ~~[to be]~~*
4 *is necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of the public*
5 *pending proceedings for disciplinary action. ~~[In any such case, a]~~*

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9 *massage therapist immediately by certified mail of the date of the*
10 *hearing. The hearing must be held and a final decision rendered*
11 *regarding whether to extend the period of the temporary suspension*
12 *as promptly as is practicable but not later than ~~[15]~~ 60 days after*
13 *the date on which the Executive Director ~~[issues]~~ mails the cease*
14 *and desist order. After holding such a hearing, the Board may*
15 *extend the period of the temporary suspension if the Board finds,*
16 *for good cause shown, that such action is necessary to protect the*
17 *health, safety or welfare of the public pending proceedings for*
18 *disciplinary action.*

19 3. If the Board or the Executive Director issues an order
20 temporarily suspending the license of a massage therapist pending
21 proceedings for disciplinary action, a court shall not stay that order.

22 4. *When conducting an investigation of a massage therapist*
23 *pursuant to this chapter, the Board or the Executive Director may*
24 *request from state and local law enforcement agencies all records*
25 *relating to any charge or citation against the massage therapist for*
26 *a crime involving violence, prostitution or any other sexual*
27 *offense. Such records include, without limitation, any record of*
28 *criminal history as defined in NRS 179A.070.*

29 5. *Upon receiving a request from the Board or the Executive*
30 *Director pursuant to subsection 4, the law enforcement agency*
31 *shall provide the requested records to the Board or the Executive*
32 *Director as soon as reasonably practicable. Upon receiving the*
33 *records from the law enforcement agency, the Board and the*
34 *Executive Director:*

35 *(a) Shall maintain the confidentiality of the records if such*
36 *confidentiality is required by federal or state law; and*

37 *(b) May use the records for the sole and limited purpose of*
38 *determining whether to take disciplinary action against the*
39 *massage therapist pursuant to this chapter.*

40 **Sec. 16.** NRS 640C.910 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 640C.910 1. If a person is not licensed to practice massage
42 therapy pursuant to this chapter, the person shall not:

43 (a) Engage in the practice of massage therapy; ~~[or]~~

44 (b) Use in connection with his name the words or letters
45 "L.M.T.," "licensed massage therapist," "licensed massage



1 technician,” “M.T.,” “massage technician” or “massage therapist,”
2 or any other letters, words or insignia indicating or implying that he
3 is licensed to practice massage therapy, or in any other way, orally,
4 or in writing or print, or by sign, directly or by implication, use the
5 word “massage” or represent himself as licensed or qualified to
6 engage in the practice of massage therapy ~~†~~; or

7 *(c) List or cause to have listed in any directory, including,*
8 *without limitation, a telephone directory, his name or the name of*
9 *his company under the heading “massage,” “massage therapy,”*
10 *“massage therapist,” “massage technician” or any other term that*
11 *indicates or implies that he is licensed or qualified to practice*
12 *massage therapy.*

13 2. If a person’s license to practice massage therapy pursuant to
14 this chapter has expired or has been suspended or revoked by the
15 Board, the person shall not:

16 (a) Engage in the practice of massage therapy; ~~†~~

17 (b) Use in connection with his name the words or letters
18 “L.M.T.,” “licensed massage therapist,” “licensed massage
19 technician,” “M.T.,” “massage technician” or “massage therapist,”
20 or any other letters, words or insignia indicating or implying that he
21 is licensed to practice massage therapy, or in any other way, orally,
22 or in writing or print, or by sign, directly or by implication, use the
23 word “massage” or represent himself as licensed or qualified to
24 engage in the practice of massage therapy ~~†~~; or

25 *(c) List or cause to have listed in any directory, including,*
26 *without limitation, a telephone directory, his name or the name of*
27 *his company under the heading “massage,” “massage therapy,”*
28 *“massage therapist,” “massage technician” or any other term that*
29 *indicates or implies that he is licensed or qualified to practice*
30 *massage therapy.*

31 3. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty
32 of a misdemeanor.

33 **Sec. 17.** NRS 179A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 179A.100 1. The following records of criminal history may
35 be disseminated by an agency of criminal justice without any
36 restriction pursuant to this chapter:

37 (a) Any which reflect records of conviction only; and

38 (b) Any which pertain to an incident for which a person is
39 currently within the system of criminal justice, including parole or
40 probation.

41 2. Without any restriction pursuant to this chapter, a record of
42 criminal history or the absence of such a record may be:

43 (a) Disclosed among agencies which maintain a system for the
44 mutual exchange of criminal records.



1 (b) Furnished by one agency to another to administer the system
2 of criminal justice, including the furnishing of information by a
3 police department to a district attorney.

4 (c) Reported to the Central Repository.

5 3. An agency of criminal justice shall disseminate to a
6 prospective employer, upon request, records of criminal history
7 concerning a prospective employee or volunteer which:

8 (a) Reflect convictions only; or

9 (b) Pertain to an incident for which the prospective employee or
10 volunteer is currently within the system of criminal justice,
11 including parole or probation.

12 4. In addition to any other information to which an employer is
13 entitled or authorized to receive, the Central Repository shall
14 disseminate to a prospective or current employer, or a person or
15 entity designated to receive the information on behalf of such an
16 employer, the information contained in a record of registration
17 concerning an employee, prospective employee, volunteer or
18 prospective volunteer who is a sex offender or an offender convicted
19 of a crime against a child, regardless of whether the employee,
20 prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer gives his
21 written consent to the release of that information. The Central
22 Repository shall disseminate such information in a manner that does
23 not reveal the name of an individual victim of an offense. A request
24 for information pursuant to this subsection must conform to the
25 requirements of the Central Repository and must include:

26 (a) The name and address of the employer, and the name and
27 signature of the person or entity requesting the notice on behalf of
28 the employer;

29 (b) The name and address of the employer's facility in which the
30 employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer
31 is employed or volunteers or is seeking to become employed or
32 volunteer; and

33 (c) The name and other identifying information of the employee,
34 prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer.

35 5. In addition to any other information to which an employer is
36 entitled or authorized to receive, the Central Repository shall
37 disseminate to a prospective or current employer, or a person or
38 entity designated to receive the information on behalf of such an
39 employer, the information described in subsection 4 of NRS
40 179A.190 concerning an employee, prospective employee, volunteer
41 or prospective volunteer who gives his written consent to the release
42 of that information if the employer submits a request in the manner
43 set forth in NRS 179A.200 for obtaining a notice of information.
44 The Central Repository shall search for and disseminate such



1 information in the manner set forth in NRS 179A.210 for the
2 dissemination of a notice of information.

3 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the provisions
4 of NRS 179A.180 to 179A.240, inclusive, do not apply to an
5 employer who requests information and to whom information is
6 disseminated pursuant to subsections 4 and 5.

7 7. Records of criminal history must be disseminated by an
8 agency of criminal justice, upon request, to the following persons or
9 governmental entities:

10 (a) The person who is the subject of the record of criminal
11 history for the purposes of NRS 179A.150.

12 (b) The person who is the subject of the record of criminal
13 history or his attorney of record when the subject is a party in a
14 judicial, administrative, licensing, disciplinary or other proceeding
15 to which the information is relevant.

16 (c) The State Gaming Control Board.

17 (d) The State Board of Nursing.

18 (e) The Private Investigator's Licensing Board to investigate an
19 applicant for a license.

20 (f) A public administrator to carry out his duties as prescribed in
21 chapter 253 of NRS.

22 (g) A public guardian to investigate a ward or proposed ward or
23 persons who may have knowledge of assets belonging to a ward or
24 proposed ward.

25 (h) Any agency of criminal justice of the United States or of
26 another state or the District of Columbia.

27 (i) Any public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Public
28 Utilities Commission of Nevada when the information is necessary
29 to conduct a security investigation of an employee or prospective
30 employee, or to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

31 (j) Persons and agencies authorized by statute, ordinance,
32 executive order, court rule, court decision or court order as
33 construed by appropriate state or local officers or agencies.

34 (k) Any person or governmental entity which has entered into a
35 contract to provide services to an agency of criminal justice relating
36 to the administration of criminal justice, if authorized by the
37 contract, and if the contract also specifies that the information will
38 be used only for stated purposes and that it will be otherwise
39 confidential in accordance with state and federal law and regulation.

40 (l) Any reporter for the electronic or printed media in his
41 professional capacity for communication to the public.

42 (m) Prospective employers if the person who is the subject of
43 the information has given written consent to the release of that
44 information by the agency which maintains it.



1 (n) For the express purpose of research, evaluative or statistical
2 programs pursuant to an agreement with an agency of criminal
3 justice.

4 (o) An agency which provides child welfare services, as defined
5 in NRS 432B.030.

6 (p) The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the
7 Department of Health and Human Services or its designated
8 representative.

9 (q) The Aging Services Division of the Department of Health
10 and Human Services or its designated representative.

11 (r) An agency of this or any other state or the Federal
12 Government that is conducting activities pursuant to Part D of
13 Subchapter IV of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the Social Security Act,
14 42 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq.

15 (s) The State Disaster Identification Team of the Division of
16 Emergency Management of the Department.

17 (t) The Commissioner of Insurance.

18 (u) The Board of Medical Examiners.

19 (v) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

20 (w) *The Board of Massage Therapists and its Executive*
21 *Director.*

22 8. Agencies of criminal justice in this State which receive
23 information from sources outside this State concerning transactions
24 involving criminal justice which occur outside Nevada shall treat the
25 information as confidentially as is required by the provisions of this
26 chapter.

27 **Sec. 18.** NRS 703.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 703.175 1. Upon receiving a request *to disconnect a*
29 *telephone number* from the State Contractors' Board ~~[to disconnect~~
30 ~~a telephone number]~~ pursuant to NRS 624.720, *the Board of*
31 *Massage Therapists pursuant to section 4 of this act or the Nevada*
32 *Transportation Authority pursuant to NRS 706.758*, the
33 Commission shall issue an order to the appropriate provider of
34 telephone service to disconnect the telephone number.

35 2. Compliance in good faith by a provider of telephone service
36 with an order of the Commission to terminate service issued
37 pursuant to this section shall constitute a complete defense to any
38 civil or criminal action brought against the provider of telephone
39 service arising from the termination of service.

40 3. As used in this section, "provider of telephone service" has
41 the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 707.355.

42 **Sec. 19.** NRS 707.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 707.355 1. Each provider of telephone service in this State
44 shall, when notified that:



- 1 (a) A court has ordered the disconnection of a telephone number
2 pursuant to NRS 706.2855; or
3 (b) The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada has ordered the
4 disconnection of a telephone number pursuant to NRS ~~{624.720~~
5 ~~and}~~ 703.175, *after receiving a request to disconnect the telephone*
6 *number from the State Contractors' Board pursuant to NRS*
7 *624.720, the Board of Massage Therapists pursuant to section 4 of*
8 *this act or the Nevada Transportation Authority pursuant to*
9 *NRS 706.758,*
10 ➔ take such action as is necessary to carry out the order of the court
11 or the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada.
12 2. A provider of telephone service shall not:
13 (a) Forward or offer to forward the telephone calls of a
14 telephone number disconnected from service pursuant to the
15 provisions of this section; or
16 (b) Provide or offer to provide a recorded message that includes
17 the new telephone number for a business whose telephone number
18 was disconnected from service pursuant to the provisions of this
19 section.
20 3. As used in this section, "provider of telephone service"
21 includes, but is not limited to:
22 (a) A public utility furnishing telephone service.
23 (b) A provider of cellular or other service to a telephone that is
24 installed in a vehicle or is otherwise portable.

