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STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 08-0617.01 Duane Gall

HOUSE BILL 08-1042

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McKinley,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Brophy,

House Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

Agriculture, Natural Resources & Energy

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE "COLORADO VETERINARY  
102 PRACTICE ACT" FOR TRAINED ANIMAL MASSAGE  
103 PRACTITIONERS.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Exempts from the "Colorado Veterinary Practice Act" persons who perform massage on animals, so long as such persons:

- ! Have earned a degree or certificate in animal massage from a state-approved or accredited school; and
- ! Do not prescribe drugs, perform surgery, or diagnose medical conditions.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
Am ended 2nd Reading  
February 25, 2008

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unam ended  
January 21, 2008

HOUSE  
Am ended 2nd Reading  
January 18, 2008



1     APPLIED WITH OR WITHOUT THE AID OF A MASSAGE DEVICE THAT MIMICS  
2     THE ACTIONS POSSIBLE USING HUMAN HANDS.

3             (B) "MASSAGE" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PRACTICE OF  
4     CHIROPRACTIC, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 33 OF THIS TITLE; THE PRACTICE OF  
5     ACUPUNCTURE, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 29.5 OF THIS TITLE; OR THE  
6     PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 41 OF THIS TITLE.

7             **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** (1) This act shall  
8     take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
9     ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is  
10    allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V,  
11    section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 6, 2008, if adjournment  
12    sine die is on May 7, 2008); except that, if a referendum petition is filed  
13    against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period,  
14    then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take  
15    effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by  
16    proclamation of the governor.

17            (2) The provisions of this act shall apply to treatment of animals  
18    occurring on or after the applicable effective date of this act.