

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 286 of the Regular Session

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As Engrossed: H1/29/2019  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1146

By: Representatives Capp, Christiansen, Payton  
By: Senator G. Stubblefield

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

*AN ACT CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; TO EXEMPT  
EQUINE MASSAGE THERAPY FROM LICENSURE BY THE  
VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.*

**Subtitle**

*CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; AND TO EXEMPT  
EQUINE MASSAGE THERAPY FROM LICENSURE BY  
THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-307(b), concerning exemptions to  
licensure by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board, is amended to add an  
additional subdivision to read as follows:*

*(12) A person practicing or performing equine massage therapy or  
animal massage therapy.*

*SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-101-315 is amended to read as follows:  
17-101-315. Equine teeth floating ~~and equine massage~~.*

*(a) The Veterinary Medical Examining Board is prohibited from  
enforcing board policy regarding equine teeth floating ~~and equine massage  
therapy~~ by either investigating or prosecuting an individual practitioner  
engaged in equine teeth floating ~~or an individual practitioner practicing  
equine massage therapy~~ until July 1, 2013.*

*(b)(1) Before engaging in the practice of equine teeth floating ~~or~~*



~~equine massage therapy~~ in the state, an individual practitioner shall present to the board signed letters of recommendation from two (2) clients who have previously employed the individual practitioner and who bear witness to the individual practitioner's ability to perform equine teeth floating ~~or equine massage therapy or both~~.

(2) The letters of recommendation shall be presented to the board before providing service to a client or performing any procedure on any animal.

/s/Capp

**APPROVED: 3/1/19**