

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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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