

## CHAPTER 405

**AN ACT** concerning massage and bodywork therapy and amending P.L.1999, c.19 and P.L.2007, c.337.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 8 of P.L.1999, c.19 (C.45:11-60) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:11-60 Eligibility for licensure.

8. To be eligible for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist, an applicant shall be of good moral character and submit to the board satisfactory evidence of:

- a. Successful completion of a minimum of 500 hours in class study in the field of massage and bodywork therapies approved by the board;
- b. Successful completion of a written examination approved by the board, which shall consider relevant education, training and practical work experience, to determine the applicant's competence to practice massage and bodywork therapies; and
- c. Coverage by a professional liability insurance policy in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate per policy year.

2. Section 21 of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-76) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:11-76 Registration required for advertising as massage, bodywork therapist; application fee; insurance.

21. a. No employer shall engage in or advertise or hold itself out as offering massage and bodywork therapies unless the employer is registered with the board.

b. A written application for registration shall be made to the board on the form prescribed by the board and shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and residence of the owner or operator of the entity providing massage and bodywork therapies;
- (2) The municipality and location of the owner or operator's primary place of business and the locations of all other branches of business; and
- (3) Any other biographical information of the applicant as required by the board.

c. Each applicant for registration and each registrant pursuant to the provisions of this section shall pay to the board a fee for the issuance of a two-year registration in the amount established by the board in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1974, c.46 (C.45:1-3.1 et seq.).

d. No employer shall be registered with the board pursuant to this section unless the employer provides proof of coverage by a professional liability insurance policy in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate per policy year.

3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of enactment.

Approved January 21, 2020.