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## **Massage Therapists Regulated Beginning July 1, 2010**

**(Helena)** The Montana Department of Labor and Industry wants to remind individuals practicing massage therapy in Montana that they must have a license to do so by July 1, 2010, unless they meet certain provisions. Those who are 18 years old by July 1, 2010 and have engaged in the practice of massage therapy for at least 100 hours in Montana prior to July 1, 2010, must submit an application by July 1, 2012. "July is coming up soon and we want to remind those who do not meet these qualifications that they must be licensed by July in order to keep practicing," said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly.

There are several methods to qualify for a license. To qualify under the Grandfather clause (37-33-503, MCA), an applicant must be of good character and must submit a completed and acceptable application with the licensing fee. In addition, the individual must, on or before July 1, 2010:

- (1) be at least 18 years old, and
- (2) have been engaged in the practice of massage therapy for at least 100 hours in Montana.

If an applicant does not qualify under the Grandfather clause, the applicant must be licensed under 37-33-502, MCA, which requires that the applicant be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, be of good moral character, and submit a completed and acceptable application with the licensing fee. In addition the individual must:

- (1) receive a passing score on either the MBLEx, NCETMB, or NCETM examination, or a state examination deemed to be equivalent, and complete an appropriate massage therapy program with at least 500 hours of study; **or**
- (2) possess a license, certification, or registration in good standing in another state whose current licensing requirements are the same as (1).

For more information please visit the website for the Board of Massage Therapy: [www.massagetherapists.mt.gov](http://www.massagetherapists.mt.gov).

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