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**SENATE BILL 5097**

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**By** Senators Cleveland, Wilson, L., Keiser, and Kuderer

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1 AN ACT Relating to the licensure and certification of massage  
2 therapists and reflexologists; and reenacting and amending RCW  
3 18.108.070.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.070 and 2016 c 53 s 3 and 2016 c 41 s 6 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The secretary shall issue a massage therapist's license to an  
8 applicant who demonstrates to the secretary's satisfaction that the  
9 following requirements have been met:

10 (a) Effective June 1, 1988, successful completion of a course of  
11 study in an approved massage program, transfer program, or approved  
12 apprenticeship program;

13 (b) Successful completion of an examination administered or  
14 approved by the board; and

15 (c) Be eighteen years of age or older.

16 (2) Beginning July 1, 2013, the secretary shall issue a  
17 reflexologist certification to an applicant who completes an  
18 application form that identifies the name and address of the  
19 applicant and the certification request, and demonstrates to the  
20 secretary's satisfaction that the following requirements have been  
21 met:

1 (a) Successful completion of a course of study in reflexologist  
2 program approved by the secretary;  
3 (b) Successful completion of an examination administered or  
4 approved by the secretary; and  
5 (c) Be eighteen years of age or older.  
6 (3) Applicants for a massage therapist's license or for  
7 certification as a reflexologist shall be subject to the grounds for  
8 denial or issuance of a conditional credential under chapter 18.130  
9 RCW.  
10 (4) The secretary may require any information and documentation  
11 that reasonably relates to the need to determine whether the massage  
12 therapist or reflexologist applicant meets the criteria for licensure  
13 provided for in this chapter and chapter 18.130 RCW. The secretary  
14 shall establish by rule what constitutes adequate proof of meeting  
15 the criteria.  
16 (5) Beginning January 1, 2020, a licensed massage therapist or a  
17 certified reflexologist must have government-issued photo  
18 identification on his or her person at all times he or she practices  
19 massage therapy or reflexology. The government-issued photo  
20 identification must bear the same name as the massage therapy license  
21 or reflexology certification.

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