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SENATE BILL No. 508

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Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1.

Synopsis: Equine massage therapy. Defines "equine massage therapy". Provides that equine massage therapy is not included in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

Steele, Messmer

January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.
February 3, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 10, 2015, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-1-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008,
2 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 12. (a) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means:
4 (1) representing oneself as engaged in the practice of veterinary
5 medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry or any of
6 their branches or specialties;
7 (2) using words, letters, or titles in a connection or under
8 circumstances that may induce another person to believe that the
9 person using them is engaged in the practice of veterinary
10 medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry;
11 (3) accepting compensation for doing any of the things described
12 in subdivisions (4) through (8);
13 (4) providing the diagnosis, treatment, correction, or prevention
14 of any disease, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or condition of
15 animals;
16 (5) prescribing, dispensing, or ordering the administration of a

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- 1 drug, a medicine, a biologic, a medical appliance, an application,
 2 or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief
 3 of any disease, ailment, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or other
 4 condition of animals;
 5 (6) performing a:
 6 (A) surgical or dental operation; or
 7 (B) complimentary or alternative therapy;
 8 upon an animal;
 9 (7) certifying the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal; or
 10 (8) performing any procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy,
 11 sterility, or infertility upon animals.
- 12 **(b) However,** The term does not include:
 13 **(1)** administering a drug, medicine, appliance, application, or
 14 treatment that is administered at the direction and under the direct
 15 supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this article; **or**
 16 **(2) equine massage therapy.**
- 17 **(c) As used in this section, "equine massage therapy" means a**
 18 **method of treating the body of a horse for remedial or hygienic**
 19 **purposes through techniques that:**
 20 **(1) include rubbing, stroking, kneading, or tapping the body**
 21 **of the horse; and**
 22 **(2) may be applied with or without the aid of a massage device**
 23 **that mimics the actions possible using human hands.**
- 24 **The term does not include prescribing a drug, performing surgery,**
 25 **or diagnosing a medical condition.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 508, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 15-19-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

Chapter 8. Equine Massage and Manipulation Therapy

Sec. 1. "Equine massage and manipulation therapy" means a method of treating the body of a horse for remedial or hygienic purposes through techniques that include rubbing, stroking, kneading, or tapping the body of the horse with the hand, an instrument, or both. The term does not include:

- (1) prescribing a drug;**
- (2) performing surgery; or**
- (3) diagnosing a medical condition.**

Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 3 of this chapter, a person may engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation therapy only under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed under IC 25-38.1.

Sec. 3. A person may engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation therapy without being supervised by a veterinarian licensed under IC 25-38.1 if:

- (1) the person provides the owner of the horse with written notice conspicuously stating that the person is not a veterinarian and that the performance of equine massage and manipulation therapy on the horse will not be supervised by a licensed veterinarian; and**
- (2) the owner of the horse provides written consent to the person specifically allowing the person to perform equine massage and manipulation therapy on the horse without being supervised by a licensed veterinarian.**

Sec. 4. A person is not required to be certified under IC 25-21.8



to engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation therapy."

Page 2, line 16, delete "performed" and insert "**(as defined by IC 15-19-8-1).**".

Page 2, delete lines 17 through 22.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 508 as introduced.)

LEISING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 5, Nays 1.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 508 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 16.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 15.

Page 3, line 5, delete "and manipulation therapy (as defined by" and insert "**therapy**".

Page 3, delete line 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(c) As used in this section, "equine massage therapy" means a method of treating the body of a horse for remedial or hygienic purposes through techniques that:

(1) include rubbing, stroking, kneading, or tapping the body of the horse; and

(2) may be applied with or without the aid of a massage device that mimics the actions possible using human hands.

The term does not include prescribing a drug, performing surgery, or diagnosing a medical condition."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 508 as printed February 4, 2015.)

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