

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 70

Introduced by: Senators Gant, Garnos, and Napoli and Representatives Weems, Peters, and Wick

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to repeal the regulation of massage therapists.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 36-35-1 be repealed.

4 ~~— 36-35-1. Terms in this chapter mean:~~

5 ~~— (1) — "Board," the Board of Massage Therapy;~~

6 ~~— (2) — "Massage," the systematic mobilization of the soft tissues of the body through the~~  
7 ~~application of hands or devices for the purposes of therapy, relaxation, or education~~  
8 ~~through means which include:~~

9 ~~— (a) — Pressure, friction, stroking, rocking, kneading, percussion, compression, or~~  
10 ~~stretching;~~

11 ~~— (b) — External application of water, heat, cold, lubricants, or other topical agents; or~~

12 ~~— (c) — The use of devices that mimic or enhance actions done by hands;~~

13 ~~— (3) — "Practice of massage therapy," the performance of massage for a fee or other~~  
14 ~~compensation or holding oneself out to the public as performing massage.~~

15 Section 2. That §§ 36-35-2 to 36-35-25, inclusive, be repealed.

