

## **PA Massage Therapy Law**

From ACT 118

Section 13. Other professions.

Nothing in this act shall be construed as preventing, restricting or requiring licensure of any of the following activities:

- (1) The practice of a profession by an individual who is licensed, certified or registered by a Commonwealth agency under other law and who is performing services or advertising within the authorized scope of practice.
- (2) The practice of massage therapy by an individual employed by the Federal Government while the individual is engaged in the performance of duties under Federal law.
- (3) A student enrolled in a massage therapy education program who is:
  - (i) conducting massage therapy activities under the supervision of:
    - (A) a licensee; or
    - (B) instructors or supervisors who meet the licensing criteria of the Department of Education or the board; and
  - (ii) enrolled in a school approved by the Department of Education or by the board.
- (4) The practice by an individual while performing reflexology.
- (5) The practice of an individual who uses touch, words and directed movement to deepen awareness of existing patterns of movement in the body and to suggest new possibilities of movement, while engaged within the scope of practice of a profession with established standards and ethics.
- (6) The practice of an individual who uses touch to affect the energy systems, acupoints, Qi meridians or channels of energy of the human body while engaged within the scope of practice of a profession with established standards and ethics. Such practices include acupressure, Asian bodywork therapy, polarity therapy bodywork, quigon, reiki, shiatsu and tui na.

To reference the law directly go to:  
[www.dos.state.pa.us/massagetherapy](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/massagetherapy),  
click on "Act 118", page 9.