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New Jersey Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy
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Attention: George Hebert, Executive Director

Dear George,

As the President of the American Massage Therapy Association New Jersey Chapter, I would like to request the opportunity to speak at the Conference for Solicitation of Informal Public Input on January 26, 2011 in Ewing, NJ. I also wish to be on record with my comments that follow, and on behalf of our state chapter, the AMTA-NJ Chapter requests consideration of the following comments:

1. The AMTA-NJ Chapter, once again, requests the acceptance of the new licensure examination, the MBLEx administered by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) to be a licensure examination in New Jersey. The MBLEx is considered the optimal examination for licensure and is supported by our National Association, the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA).
2. We wish to adopt the MBLEx to accommodate endorsement of out of state candidates, who come from states using the MBLEx examination exclusively.
3. Under Professional Practice, Scope of Practice (b) we respectfully request amendment of the language (shall not perform vaginal or penile massage) to "shall not perform genital or anal massage".

4. Under Draft Rule Continuing Education: The AMTA-NJ Chapter supports adding the FSMTB to the current listing of accepted continuing education provider options.

- Page 21: Relating to (b) “Courses that relate solely to the business practices of licensees shall not satisfy continuing education requirements” The AMTA-NJ Chapter respectfully requests further delineation of acceptable business courses that would fall under the continuing education approved paradigm.
- Page 21: Continuing Education (a) Is on-line continuing education permitted, and if so what % of continuing education on-line or distance education courses would be acceptable?
- Page 24: Additional Continuing Education (a) 1 When continuing education is offered under the discipline process to remedy a licensee deficiency, we respectfully request that such continuing education courses will include specific and appropriate remedial course content to best address the deficiency.
- Page 32: Continuing Education Sponsor Fee (\$100.00) We respectfully request clarification of the requirements to become a sponsor be set in the Rule.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank and acknowledge the Board for their dedication, hard work, time spent, and all support from the New Jersey Board of Nursing and Consumer Affairs staff, to create reasonable and fair Rule for the Massage and Bodywork profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and be on record as doing so.

Sincerely,

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AMTA NJ Chapter President