

Occupational Reform Board Survey
Vice-Chair, Board of Massage Therapy

1. The public purpose and assumptions that underlie the creation of the license?

The creation of the Massage Therapy license is to provide oversight on educational standards, regulate scope of practice and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

2. A statement from YOUR point of view about the effectiveness of the regulations for this profession?

In my opinion the regulations for Massage Therapy have been and continue to be effective. These regulations safe guard the public, practitioner and healthcare establishment. We have consistency in how applicates are awarded their license and violators of the regulations are penalized.

3. What the harm may be if the occupation is no longer licensed, certified, or regulated?

Eliminating the licensing and/or regulations would put the public at risk of being harmed. Therapist in our profession need to understand the anatomical and physiological effects that massage has on the human body. Performing a massage technique incorrectly could injure an individual. A lack of educational standards would allow individuals with little or no training to practice the profession. Other states have seen an increase in sexually based offenses and in some cases, human trafficking just by exempting certain massage modalities, such as Reflexology. Imagine what would happen if there were no licensing regulations for the whole profession. We do not want to see this happen in our state.