

ADOPTED

Senators Ligon of the 3rd and Carter of the 1st offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Health and Human Services Committee substitute to HB 315 (LC 33*
 2 *5169S) by inserting after "liability;" on line 6 the following:*

3 to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 4 massage therapy practice, so as to revise provisions relating to provisional permits to practice
 5 massage therapy;

6 *By inserting between lines 188 and 189 the following:*

SECTION 4A.

7 Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage
 8 therapy practice, is amended by revising Code Section 43-24A-9, relating to provisional
 9 permits, as follows:
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11 "43-24A-9.

12 (a) A provisional permit to practice as a provisionally permitted massage therapist shall,
 13 upon proper application, be issued for a six-month period to an applicant who meets the
 14 following criteria:

15 (1) Holds a valid license as a massage therapist in another state;

16 (2) Is not a resident of this state as confirmed in a secure and verifiable document, as
 17 defined in Code Section 50-36-2;

18 (3) Has not had a license or permit to practice as a massage therapist voided, revoked,
 19 suspended, or annulled by this state or another state; and

20 (4) Has not been convicted of a felony in the courts of this state, any other state, territory,
 21 or country, or in the courts of the United States, including, but not limited to, a plea of
 22 nolo contendere entered to such charge or the affording of first offender treatment to any
 23 such charge.

24 (b) A provisional permit shall require the applicant to work under the supervision of a
 25 licensed massage therapist ~~as provided by the board. The board shall be authorized to~~
 26 ~~promulgate rules and regulations regarding the requirements for such supervision and the~~
 27 ~~enforcement thereof.~~ If an applicant has met the requirements of subsection (a) of this
 28 Code section and submits the applicable license fee, the applicant shall be granted a
 29 provisional permit to practice in this state. Upon receipt of such application and fee, a
 30 provisional permit shall be administratively issued.

31 (c) A provisional permit may be voided if the board determines that the person holding
32 such permit no longer meets one or more of the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this
33 Code section.

34 (d) A provisional permit issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall have
35 the same force and effect as a permanent license until the time of its expiration.

36 (e) A provisional permit issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall expire
37 on the same date as a license issued under this chapter to a holder of a provisional permit
38 who has passed the examination pursuant to Code Section 43-24A-8."