

By Mr. Rauschenbach (by request), petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 474) of Judy Cortland-Rogers for legislation to bring myotherapy under the Board of Allied Health Professionals. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT BRINGING MYOTHERAPY UNDER THE BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11A of chapter 13 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 deleting the word "eleven" in line two thereof and inserting in place
4 thereof the word: — fourteen; and adding in line 14 of said section
5 after "twenty-three B;" the following: — three such members shall
6 be myotherapists licensed in accordance with the provisions of
7 said section 23B; and further by inserting in line 49 of said section
8 of subparagraph (b) after the words "athletic training," the
9 word: — myotherapy,.

1 SECTION 2. Section 23A of Chapter 112 is hereby amended
2 by adding after line 79 the following paragraph: —
3 "Myotherapy", a health profession that employs compression
4 on trigger points; stretching and corrective exercise; and area
5 massage to alleviate painful or spastic musculoskeletal conditions.
6 Myotherapy includes but is not limited to administering and
7 interpreting tests necessary for effective treatment planning,
8 designing of a therapeutic exercise program, application of a
9 vapocoolant spray, and instruction for both patient and family
10 in the myotherapy procedure.

1 SECTION 3. Section 23B of said Chapter 112 is hereby
2 amended by inserting in line 6 after the words "athletic trainers"
3 the following: — myotherapists,.

1 SECTION 4. Section 23C of said Chapter 112 is hereby
2 amended by inserting in line 2 after the words "athletic trainer"
3 the following: — or myotherapist; and said section is further
4 amended by inserting in line 7 after "athletic trainer;" the
5 following: — as a myotherapist;.

1 SECTION 5. Section 23D of said Chapter 112 is hereby
2 amended by inserting in line 3 the word "trainer," the
3 following: — or a myotherapist,.

1 SECTION 6. Section 23E of said Chapter 112 is hereby
2 amended by inserting in subparagraph (b) in line 6 after the words
3 "athletic trainer" the following: — or myotherapist; and in
4 subparagraph (c) in line 13 after "athletic training" the
5 following: — or myotherapy; and in subparagraph (e) in line 20
6 after "athletic training services" the following: — or myotherapy
7 services; and again in line 23 of subparagraph (e) after "athletic
8 trainer" the words: — or myotherapist.

1 SECTION 7. Said Chapter 112 hereby further amended by
2 adding after Section 23F a new section: —

3 Section 23FF. Myotherapists; Qualification

4 An applicant for licensure as a myotherapist shall:

5 (1) be a graduate of a three of four year secondary school or
6 has passed a high school equivalency test deemed acceptable by
7 the board.

8 (b) be a graduate of an accredited or approved educational
9 program, leading to professional qualifications in myotherapy
10 and approved by the board.

11 (c) have passed an examination administered by the board.
12 Such examinations shall be written, oral and demonstrative and
13 shall test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical
14 sciences as they apply to myotherapy theory and practice. The
15 examination shall be conducted by the board at least twice each
16 year and at times and places to be determined by the board.

1 SECTION 8. Section 23K of said Chapter 112 is hereby
2 amended by: — inserting in subparagraph (c) line 7 after the
3 words “athletic training” the following: — or myotherapy; and
4 further, by inserting in line 14 of subparagraph (f) of said section
5 after the words “professions of” the words: — myotherapy or.

1 SECTION 9. Section 23L of said Chapter 112 is hereby
2 amended by inserting in line 2 after the words “athletic trainer,”
3 the following: — myotherapist,.

1 SECTION 10. Said Chapter 112 is hereby amended by adding
2 after section 23N the following new section: —

3 Section 23NN. Myotherapists; Unauthorized Practice

4 No person shall hold himself out as a myotherapist or as being
5 able to practice myotherapy in the Commonwealth unless he is
6 licensed in accordance with section twenty-three B. No person not
7 so licensed may use in connection with his name or place of
8 business the words “myotherapist, myotherapy or any other
9 abbreviations or insignia indicating that he is a myotherapist.”

