Board of Registration of Massage Therapy Regulations Listening Session Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (EST)* *End time is approximate.

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Notice of Meeting and Topics: The Board of Registration of Massage Therapy ("the Board") is hosting a listening session to receive comments on Board regulations 269 CMR 2.00 to 6.00. The Listening Session is scheduled for **Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. by phone or video conferencing.**

During the listening session, members of the public may address the Board or its designees and offer comments and recommendations on proposed changes to the Board's current regulations. The information needed to participate in the listening session by computer, mobile app or telephone is listed above.

Current Board regulations are posted here: <u>https://www.mass.gov/lists/statutes-and-regulations-massage-therapy#rules-and-regulations-governing-massage-therapists-</u> The Board's regulations set forth rules for individual licensure and practice of massage therapists, as well as rules for licensure and operation of massage therapy establishments. The Board is considering amending its regulations to:

- Add successful passage of the Massage and Bodywork Licensing examination (MBLEx) offered by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards as a requirement for licensure as a Massage Therapist;
- (2) Establish continuing education requirements as a condition of renewal of a massage therapist license;
- (3) Establish minimum documentation requirements for general relaxation massages and informed consent,
- (4) Clarify requirements for establishments that provide off-site services, and
- (5) Require all compliance officers to be interviewed by the Board prior to issuing an establishment license.

The Board welcomes comments on the above-listed topics as well as any other Board regulation.

We encourage members of the public to email the Board at Massagetherapy@mass.gov prior to

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 to pre-register if you would like to provide oral comment to the Board during the listening session. Due to time constraints and anticipated participation, all individuals will be limited to a three-minute period for comments.

Comments may also be submitted in writing in advance to <u>Massagetherapy@mass.gov</u> or by mail to: Board of Registration of Massage Therapy, 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA 02118. Due to time constraints, we request that individuals either submit their comments in writing or address the Board orally and do not read submitted written comments at the listening session. Please note that any comments for the listening session should address Board regulations. If you have any additional questions about Board operations that are not related to regulations, you may contact the Board at <u>617-701-8630</u>.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to individuals with disabilities or language restrictions to allow participation in the meeting on the date listed above. All requests should be made by calling 617-727-1219 or TTY/TDD: (617) 727-2099 by 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Board will make every effort to honor all requests, however those requests received less than 24 hours before the meeting might not be provided if not reasonably feasible.