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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSURE PROGRAM**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-041**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Massage Therapy Licensure Program**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None.

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure. A review for conformance with statutes and current rules will be conducted and updated as may be necessary, including an update to discontinue the use of the terms “handicap,” “handicapped” and “hearing impaired” pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2557, sub-§2.

**CHAPTER 100**: **Definitions**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 14302(2), 14301

PURPOSE: This chapter clarifies terms used throughout the program’s rules. Additions may be made to the definitions, if needed.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the general public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 200**: **General Information**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 14302(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes guidelines for the maintenance of records and display of licenses and registrations.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the general public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 300**: **Licensure/Registration Requirements**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 14302(2), 14306-D

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the procedures and requirements for individuals seeking licensure by application and for schools seeking approval for their massage therapy program.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure, Licensees and the general public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 400: Complaints and Investigations**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 14302(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter describes the procedure by which complaints and adjudicatory hearings are handled.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the general public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER and Title: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H, § 8003-5-A(D)(7)

PURPOSE: The Board may adopt rules to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement or to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A