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## SENATE BILL No. 508

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DIGEST OF SB 508 (Updated February 2, 2015 12:41 pm - DI 92)

**Citations Affected:** IC 15-19; IC 25-38.1.

**Synopsis:** Equine massage and manipulation therapy. Specifies the circumstances in which a person may engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation therapy. Provides that a person is not required to be certified under the law governing human massage therapy to engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation therapy. Provides that equine massage and manipulation therapy are not included in the practice of veterinary medicine.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.  
February 3, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2015)

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

## SENATE BILL No. 508

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 15-19-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2015]:

4 **Chapter 8. Equine Massage and Manipulation Therapy**

5 **Sec. 1. "Equine massage and manipulation therapy" means a**  
6 **method of treating the body of a horse for remedial or hygienic**  
7 **purposes through techniques that include rubbing, stroking,**  
8 **kneading, or tapping the body of the horse with the hand, an**  
9 **instrument, or both. The term does not include:**

- 10 (1) prescribing a drug;  
11 (2) performing surgery; or  
12 (3) diagnosing a medical condition.

13 **Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 3 of this chapter, a person**  
14 **may engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation**  
15 **therapy only under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed under**  
16 **IC 25-38.1.**

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1           **Sec. 3. A person may engage in the practice of equine massage**  
 2 **and manipulation therapy without being supervised by a**  
 3 **veterinarian licensed under IC 25-38.1 if:**

4           **(1) the person provides the owner of the horse with written**  
 5 **notice conspicuously stating that the person is not a**  
 6 **veterinarian and that the performance of equine massage and**  
 7 **manipulation therapy on the horse will not be supervised by**  
 8 **a licensed veterinarian; and**

9           **(2) the owner of the horse provides written consent to the**  
 10 **person specifically allowing the person to perform equine**  
 11 **massage and manipulation therapy on the horse without being**  
 12 **supervised by a licensed veterinarian.**

13           **Sec. 4. A person is not required to be certified under IC 25-21.8**  
 14 **to engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation**  
 15 **therapy.**

16           SECTION 2. IC 25-38.1-1-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008,  
 17 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 18 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 12. **(a)** "Practice of veterinary medicine" means:

19           (1) representing oneself as engaged in the practice of veterinary  
 20 medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry or any of  
 21 their branches or specialties;

22           (2) using words, letters, or titles in a connection or under  
 23 circumstances that may induce another person to believe that the  
 24 person using them is engaged in the practice of veterinary  
 25 medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry;

26           (3) accepting compensation for doing any of the things described  
 27 in subdivisions (4) through (8);

28           (4) providing the diagnosis, treatment, correction, or prevention  
 29 of any disease, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or condition of  
 30 animals;

31           (5) prescribing, dispensing, or ordering the administration of a  
 32 drug, a medicine, a biologic, a medical appliance, an application,  
 33 or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief  
 34 of any disease, ailment, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or other  
 35 condition of animals;

36           (6) performing a:

37               (A) surgical or dental operation; or

38               (B) complimentary or alternative therapy;

39           upon an animal;

40           (7) certifying the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal; or

41           (8) performing any procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy,  
 42 sterility, or infertility upon animals.



- 1       **(b) However,** The term does not include:
- 2           **(1)** administering a drug, medicine, appliance, application, or
- 3           treatment that is administered at the direction and under the direct
- 4           supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this article; **or**
- 5           **(2) equine massage and manipulation therapy (as defined by**
- 6           **IC 15-19-8-1).**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 508, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 15-19-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

**Chapter 8. Equine Massage and Manipulation Therapy**

**Sec. 1. "Equine massage and manipulation therapy" means a method of treating the body of a horse for remedial or hygienic purposes through techniques that include rubbing, stroking, kneading, or tapping the body of the horse with the hand, an instrument, or both. The term does not include:**

- (1) prescribing a drug;**
- (2) performing surgery; or**
- (3) diagnosing a medical condition.**

**Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 3 of this chapter, a person may engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation therapy only under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed under IC 25-38.1.**

**Sec. 3. A person may engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation therapy without being supervised by a veterinarian licensed under IC 25-38.1 if:**

- (1) the person provides the owner of the horse with written notice conspicuously stating that the person is not a veterinarian and that the performance of equine massage and manipulation therapy on the horse will not be supervised by a licensed veterinarian; and**
- (2) the owner of the horse provides written consent to the person specifically allowing the person to perform equine massage and manipulation therapy on the horse without being supervised by a licensed veterinarian.**

**Sec. 4. A person is not required to be certified under IC 25-21.8**



**to engage in the practice of equine massage and manipulation therapy."**

Page 2, line 16, delete "performed" and insert "**(as defined by IC 15-19-8-1)**".

Page 2, delete lines 17 through 22.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 508 as introduced.)

LEISING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 5, Nays 1.

