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To ABMP Members/Readers:

As you may be aware, Senate Bill 1295 requires massage therapists in Idaho to be licensed by the state. It was passed by the 2012 Legislature and signed into law by Governor Otter. The Idaho Board of Massage Therapy was recently appointed by the Governor and has drafted proposed rules which will be submitted to the 2013 Legislature. The Massage Therapists Act (Title 54, Chapter 40, Idaho Code), the Board's proposed rules, and Senate Bill 1295 (portions of which go into effect on July 1, 2013) are available on the Board's website at www.ibol.idaho.gov. This letter is to provide information about the implementation of certain provisions of the Massage Therapy Act which take effect on July 1, 2013.

Idaho Code § 54-4005 requires state licensure of massage therapists as of July 1, 2013.

The Board will have licensure applications available on its website after the Legislature approves its rules. Rules are usually approved during the last few weeks of the legislative session which is generally in March or April.

We hope this information is helpful. Please continue to monitor the website for updates; the Board recently added a Frequently Asked Questions page. If you have questions or concerns about implementation of the Massage Therapists Act, please feel free to contact Helle Newton at the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses. Helle can be reached at (208) 577-2592 or mas@ibol.idaho.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gayla Nickel'.

Gayla Nickel
Chair, Idaho Board of Massage Therapy

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