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Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

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Governor Joe Lombardo

Dear Governor Lombardo,

This letter shall serve as the written statement of an emergency by the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy (“Board”) required pursuant to NRS 233B.0613. The Board has determined that an emergency exists regarding the ability of certain students enrolled in programs of massage therapy to enroll in and sit for the ITEC Examination administered by the International Therapy Examination Council. The Board adopted LCB File R017-24 which made a number of revisions to the Board’s regulations, one of which was to remove the ITEC Examination as an examination recognized by the Board for licensure as a massage therapist. The Board did not include in the regulation a section to allow students who are currently enrolled in programs of massage therapy who have enrolled to take the ITEC Examination; who have paid to sit for the ITEC Examination; or who have passed the ITEC Examination but have not submitted an application to the Board to use the ITEC Examination to satisfy the examination requirement for licensure as a massage therapist. This has resulted in a number of students and individuals who have already enrolled for, paid for, or passed the ITEC Examination being ineligible for licensure as a massage therapist and as such, would be required to enroll, pay for, and pass a different examination that is recognized by the Board.

As such, the Board has determined an emergency exists and is hereby requesting your endorsement of this statement to allow the Board to adopt the attached emergency regulation to allow these students and individuals the ability to sit for the ITEC Examination and be eligible for a license as a massage therapist if they pass the examination.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Barnard