

Elisabeth Barnard

From: Nathan OHara <nathan@fuzuba.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Elisabeth Barnard
Cc: Jerry Xu; Huan Cheng; Gao Edward
Subject: Re: Notice of Intent to Act upon Proposed Regulation LCB File R017-24

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Hi Ms. Barnard,

I hope this finds you healthy and thriving!

We just have three comments with respect to the Massage Board's adoption of R017-24:

1) Regarding the expansion of massage therapy theory training hours from 550 to 625, we are delighted to have the opportunity to add more instruction in APK, Pathology for Massage Therapists, and Business and Ethics to our curriculum. Our hope is that the Board will adopt a reasonable time frame for massage schools to develop the additional curriculum and have it approved by the Board, and for current students to complete the training program that they signed up for.

2) Regarding the proposed deletion of the iTEC exam process from Massage Board acceptance, we would like to emphasize the harm this would cause to students for whom English (or Spanish) is not their first language.

As you know, iTEC is offered in multiple languages, including Chinese and Thai. A large proportion of Nevada's massage therapists come from China and Thailand, and the option to take their licensure exams in their native language is a tremendous benefit to students from these communities. This is a powerful career, and therefore economic and social, benefit to this rather large number of individuals, as well as to Nevada's tax base.

Additionally, the four-part iTEC exam series is the only available examination that includes a practical component that qualitatively and qualitatively measures students' hands-on skill levels.

In case this is helpful, I'm attaching the Zoom video link for our most recent practical exam:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8709071775?pwd=OXkzSGx1Z3gwbXRYL0JXY1hSSW4vQT09&omn=84913099404> (iTEC Practical Exam 2024.05.08)

3) If the Board does decide to go forward with deletion of the iTEC exam option, our hope is that a time frame is set that enables current students to complete their training program and participate in the iTEC examination process that they had enrolled with the expectation of utilizing.

Many thanks for your kindly consideration and support.

With grateful regards,
Nathan O'Hara, Ph.D., Director
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On Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 02:31:24 PM PDT, Nathan OHara <nathan@fuzuba.com> wrote:

Hi Ms. Barnard,

Many thanks for letting us know about this upcoming change!

Is this language already written into the Nevada Administrative Codes, or is it a proposal at the legislative level at this point?

Kind regards always,
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On Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 05:21:05 PM PDT, Jerry Xu <jerryxu@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Subject:Notice of Intent to Act upon Proposed Regulation LCB File R017-24

Date:Fri, 22 Mar 2024 21:28:35 +0000

From:Elisabeth Barnard <ebarnard@lmt.nv.gov>

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Hello,

The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy has posted notice of their intent to act on changes to NAC 640C and LCB File No. R128-20 as detailed in LCB File No. R017-24.

You may view the posting along with details to join the meeting at our website: <https://massagetherapy.nv.gov/>, the proposed changes may also be viewed at the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/>, for this year (2024), under the subject massage. (<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2024Register/R017-24P.pdf>)

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me via any of the methods below. The hearing to consider adopting these changes will be held via Zoom on April 24, 2024, at 1:00 pm. You are welcome to attend and submit comments then, you are also welcome to submit comments prior to the meeting.

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