

**POLICY**  
**TENNESSEE MASSAGE LICENSURE BOARD**

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**MASSAGE THERAPISTS LICENSED  
IN OTHER STATES OR COUNTRIES**

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Tennessee Code Annotated section 63-18-110(c) states, “Nothing in this chapter shall apply to massage therapists licensed in other states or countries or meeting standards set forward in § 63-18-105 when providing educational programs or services for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days within a calendar year.”

The Tennessee Massage Licensure Board (“Board”) believes the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee are best served if individuals providing massage in Tennessee are licensed pursuant to Tennessee law, with the exception provided above. In an attempt to address uncertainty in the profession, the Board adopts the following interpretation of 63-18-110(c):

1. Massage services provided to participants in sporting events and not offered to the public qualify as “exempt” under section 110(c).
2. Educational instructors providing massage therapy for compensation outside the auspices of an educational course must obtain a Tennessee license.
3. Massage services provided by an individual not in conjunction with educational programs or services do NOT qualify as “exempt” under section 110(c).

In no event do massage services provided for more than thirty (30) days within a calendar year qualify as “exempt” under section 110(c).

In order to best protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee, massage services qualifying as “exempt” under section 110(c) must comply with the Board’s professional ethical standards set forth in its statutes and rules.

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