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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 532
Department or Agency: Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board
Rule No.: 532-X-6-.01
Rule Title: Continuing Education Requirements
Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Honor Ingels
Honor L Ingels

Date

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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ALABAMA MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSING BOARD

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AGENCY NAME: Massage Therapy Licensing Board, Alabama

RULE NO. & TITLE: 532-X-6-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board proposes amending the subject rule to remove a requirement for mandatory continuing education, in light of the imminent transition of the agency to management by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written or verbal comments will be accepted through 4:30 pm on Friday, July 3, 2026, and may be directed to PO Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900, Natalie.Baker@abn.alabama.gov, or 334-293-5200.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, July 3, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Natalie R. Baker

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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

5. The board shall adopt a program of continuing education for licenses which shall be a requisite for the renewal of licenses issued pursuant to Chapter 43A of Title 34 of the Code of Alabama.
6. Continuing education means participation in an approved program or learning experience that is designed to facilitate continued competency, including ethical and legal practice in the therapeutic massage and bodywork profession, through participation in a learning process that enhances the licensee's current knowledge, skills, and abilities through programs, seminars, workshops, and classes in areas related to the practice of massage.
7. One hour of continuing education is defined as no less than 50 uninterrupted minutes of learning.
8. Every massage therapist licensed by the board must complete sixteen (16) contact hours of continuing education within the 24 months preceding the date of renewal of licensure, from approved providers of continuing education, as a condition for renewing the license to practice massage therapy.

~~a. Effective June 2026, each licensed massage therapist must complete, as part of the required 16 hours of continuing education required for the first renewal subsequent to June 30, 2026, 8 mandatory contact hours developed, approved, or provided by the board related to the legal aspects of MT practice, discipline, human trafficking, and illegal practice within the 24 months preceding the date of renewal of licensure, as a condition for renewing the license to practice massage therapy.~~

~~1. The board may accept comparable education to satisfy this requirement, provided that a review by board staff determines the content is comparable in content and provided by a board approved provider.~~

5. The licensee is required to maintain documentation of continuing education in the licensee's files for at least four (4) years.
6. Effective January 1, 2025, the licensee shall submit copies of certificates of completion of sixteen (16) contact hours of continuing education from approved providers of continuing education to the board in a form specified by the board concurrent with the application for renewal of the license.

Author: Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-43A-6.

History: New Rule: Filed January 29, 2001; effective March 5, 2001. **Amended:** Published September 29, 2023; effective November 13, 2023. **Repealed and New Rule:** Published September 30, 2024; effective November 14, 2024. **Amended:** Published September 30, 2025; effective November 14, 2025. Amended: Published ; effective .