



**State of Vermont
Office of the Secretary of State
Professional Regulation**

In re Preliminary Sunrise Review Assessment } Docket No. MT-01-0710
 Massage Therapists } Notice of Public Hearing
From: Christopher D. Winters, Director } October 1, 2010

Please forward this Notice to anyone in your organization, or elsewhere who may have an interest in this matter.

Should massage therapists be subject to regulation by the State of Vermont?

Massage Therapists seek state regulation of their profession by licensure. Pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 3105(d), the Office of Professional Regulation is required to prepare a preliminary assessment of whether their request for regulation meets the criteria set forth in 26 V.S.A. § 3105(a).

Their application and our preliminary assessment will address whether: "(1) it can be demonstrated that the unregulated practice of the massage therapists can clearly harm or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public, and the potential for the harm is recognizable and not remote or speculative; (2) the public can reasonably be expected to benefit from an assurance of initial and continuing professional ability; and (3) the public cannot be effectively protected by other means." See, 26 V.S.A. Chapter 57 for a full explanation of Vermont law and policy on regulation of professions.

A public hearing on the massage therapists' request for regulation is scheduled as follows:

Date: **Friday, October 29, 2010**
Time: **9:00 a.m.**
Location: **Office of Professional Regulation Conference Room A
National Life Bldg, National Life Drive
North FL2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402**

A copy of the application is available on the OPR Web site, <http://vtprofessionals.org> and is on file at the Office of Professional Regulation. It may be reviewed there during regular business hours. A copy of the application may also be obtained from:

Chris L. Widlund, American Massage Therapy Association, Vermont Chapter
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Written comments may be submitted to the Office of Professional Regulation at any time before the hearing. Send written comments to Larry Novins at the above address, or email to lnovins@sec.state.vt.us. Please write "Massage Therapists Licensure" in the subject line.