

MASSAGE Laws Across the USA

States without a Massage law

Kansas
Oklahoma
Vermont
Wyoming

(Reflexology is not regulated and not licensed under massage)

States with a Massage Law

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware #
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Mississippi
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Pennsylvania
Ohio
Oregon
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin+
Washington D.C.

States Exempting Reflexology from Massage+

Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Georgia
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kentucky
Louisiana^
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Montana
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
North Dakota
North Carolina
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas*
Utah
Washington
Wisconsin
Washington D.C.

States with Reflexology laws

North Dakota - 1992
(Licensing law)

Tennessee - 2001
(Registration law)

New Hampshire - 2010
(Licensing law with 2 other disciplines)

Washington - 2012
(Licensing law with massage)

Legend

+ Exemption: Wording is usually: A person practicing only the manipulation of the soft tissues of the hands, feet, or outer ears and not claiming to be a massage therapist can not use term massage therapist or bodyworker unless licensed under the massage law.

Reduction in educational hours for reflexologist to be licensed.

* Exemption through a ruling by the Department of Health

^ In Louisiana reflexology is included in the cosmetology law.

Note:

Massage Law. In order to practice legally in those states with a massage law and no exemption, reflexology is often licensed under massage through the broad definition of massage contained in the law. Reflexologists will need to check with the massage Board to determine if reflexology is covered and abide accordingly.