

# Massage Therapist

## Definition

Massage Therapists are professionals that treat clients by using touch to manipulate soft body tissue (muscle, connective tissue, tendons and ligaments) with their hands.

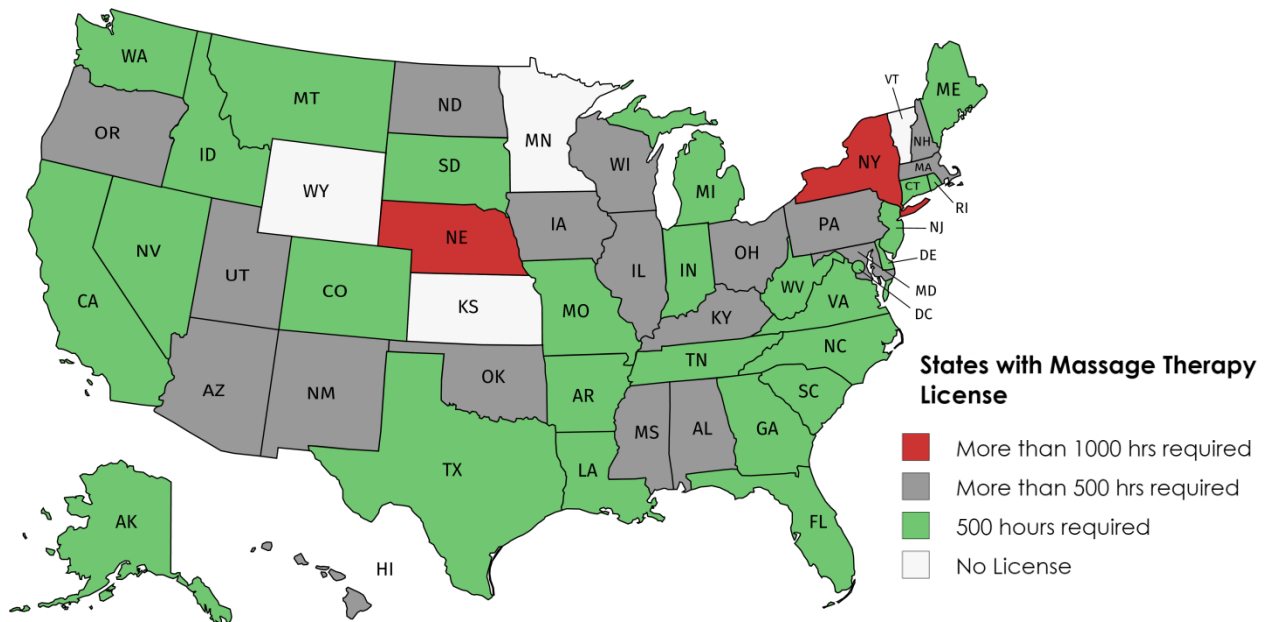
## What LB 343 does

This legislation reduces the required hours from 1,000 to 500.

## State Specific Information

46 states and the District of Columbia license massage therapy. Nebraska was an early state (6<sup>th</sup>) to enact a massage therapy license, most enacted legislation during the 1990s and 2000s. Currently, 27 states require 500 hours of education, while New York and Nebraska have the highest requirement at 1,000 hours.

State	Fee	Education	CEUs	Year law Enacted
Nebraska	\$110	1000 hours	24	1958
Colorado	\$90	500 hours	none	2008
Iowa	\$120	600 hours	24	1992
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Missouri	\$200	500 hours	12	1998
South Dakota	\$120	500 hours	8	2005
Wyoming	-	-	-	-



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