

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB315**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 06, 2013**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 315 amends Sections 38-1706 and 38-1709 to clarify the definition of massage therapy along with a clarification of who is required to be licensed under the Massage Therapy Practice Act.

This bill seeks to clarify the massage therapy definition in order to provide indirect help with regulation and accountability of escort services addressed in LB314, the Escort Services Accountability and Permit Act. Currently, escort services advertise non-therapeutic massage services to try and exempt themselves from the requirement of licensing under the Massage Therapy Practice Act. This not only skirts the law and confuses the public, but hurts the reputation of legitimate licensed massage therapists, and the industry as a whole.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mark Christensen**