

To: Public Health Committee  
From: Miranda Michaud  
American Massage Therapy Association-Connecticut Chapter (AMTA-CT) President  
Date: March 29, 2021  
Re: SUPPORT for HB 6666 – An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health’s Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes (Section 39)

Chairman Daugherty Abrams, Chairman Steinberg, Ranking Members Somers and Hwang, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee:

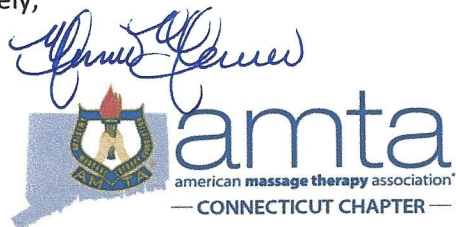
My name is Miranda Michaud and I am writing in support of Section 39 of HB 6666. I am a state licensed massage therapist for 9 years, since 2012. I have served on the board of the Connecticut Chapter for the last six years.

I am in support of HB 6666, *An Act Concerning the DPH’s Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes*. CGS Section 20-265h found at Section 39 of the bill allows massage therapists to manage businesses that employ hairdressers, cosmeticians, estheticians, eyelash technicians, nail technicians, and massage therapists.

In 2019 when the esthetician bill was passed, massage therapists were excluded from managing businesses that employ hairdressers, cosmeticians, estheticians, eyelash technicians, nail technicians and massage therapists. Until this bill was passed massage therapists had a right to manage such businesses. The Department of Public Health and Representative Gilchrest agree that the intent of the esthetician bill passed in 2019 was to include massage therapists and not exclude or take away their rights to manage such businesses. This bill will restore the ability of any of the 5,000 plus licensed massage therapists in Connecticut to manage their businesses, inadvertently removed by the statute change made in 2019.

I respectfully request that you Support HB 6666 as it pertains to correcting the CGS relative to licensed massage therapists being allowed to manage certain businesses, for the licensed massage therapists in this state.

Sincerely,



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