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Massage Therapist Application Available

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) today announced the availability of the licensing application for massage therapists. After January 1, 2005, massage therapists will not be able to operate in Illinois without a license.

The application is available via the Internet at <http://www.ildpr.com/apply/forms/mt.pdf>, by calling 217-782-8556, or by writing to:

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation
ATTN: Forms Unit
320 West Washington Street
Springfield, Illinois 62786
Fax: 217-557-8073

Requirements to obtain a massage therapist license are as follows:

- Be at least 18 years of age and of good moral character
- Successful completion of a minimum of 500 hours from one or more IDFPR approved massage therapy schools

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- Passage of the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodyworks (NCBTMB) examination or a similar massage therapist certifying examination approved by IDFPR or:
 - Has moved to Illinois from a state with no licensure requirement and has provided proof of passage of the NCBTMB examination or similar massage therapist certifying examination approved massage therapy school.
- Submit a criminal background check and provide verification of fingerprint processing from a designated agent.

Applicants who wish to be licensed under the grandfather provision must meet all requirements set forth in the application. Applicants are encouraged to complete and submit their application as soon as possible to meet the January 1, 2005 deadline.

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