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A Bill to Amend the Massage Establishments Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title and commencement

(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Massage Establishments (Amendment) Ordinance 2001.

(2) This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Security by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Interpretation

Section 2 of the Massage Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 266) is amended by adding---

"full-body massage" (全身按摩) means a massage service or treatment provided to a person covering that part of his body below the neck and above the knees, including or excluding arms;"

3. Application of Ordinance

Section 3(c) is repealed and the following substituted---

"(c) a massage establishment where---

(i) face, scalp, neck, hand, arm or foot (up to knee) massage is administered to customers; or

(ii) no full-body massage is administered to a customer by a person of the opposite sex; or"

4. Renewal of a licence

Section 7 is amended---

(a) in subsection (4), by adding "(3)," before "(6)";

(b) by adding---

"(7) Subject to subsection (8), a renewal of a licence granted under this section shall be for a period of 12 months from the date on which the renewal is granted.

(8) The licensing authority may renew a licence under this section for a period of 24 months if the licensee has not been in breach of any conditions of the licence."

Explanatory Memorandum

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Massage Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 266) ("the Ordinance") so as to---

(a) add a new definition of "full-body massage";

(b) exclude those massage establishments from the application of the Ordinance where face, scalp, neck, hand, arm or foot (up to knee) massage is administered to customers or where no

full-body massage is administered to a customer by a person of the opposite sex; and

(c) empower the licensing authority to renew a licence for a period of 24 months subject to certain conditions.