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HOUSE BILL DRH10056-NBf-37

Short Title: North Carolina Healing Arts Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Warren.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALING ARTS COMMISSION AND
3 TO CREATE LICENSURE PROCESSES FOR REFLEXOLOGISTS AND MUSIC
4 THERAPISTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1.(a) Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
7 Article to read:

8 "Article 44.

9 "Healing Arts.

10 "Part 1. North Carolina Healing Arts Commission.

11 "**§ 90-750.1. Title and purpose.**

12 (a) This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "North Carolina Healing Arts
13 Act."

14 (b) The North Carolina Healing Arts Act is established to safeguard the public health,
15 safety, and welfare; to protect the public from being harmed by unqualified persons; to assure
16 the highest degree of professional services and conduct on the part of practitioners of the healing
17 arts; to provide for the establishment of licensure requirements; and to ensure the availability of
18 healing arts services of high quality to persons in need of such services.

19 "**§ 90-750.2. Definitions.**

20 The following definitions apply in this Article:

21 (1) Advisory committee. – A committee charged with supervising the day-to-day
22 regulation of a healing arts profession. Advisory committees shall screen
23 applicants for licensure and conduct all investigations necessary to give
24 recommendations to the Commission.

25 (2) Commission. – The North Carolina Healing Arts Commission, as established
26 pursuant to G.S. 90-750.3.

27 (3) Healing arts. – The use of allopathic, complementary, or alternative
28 approaches to the art and science of medicine for the prevention,
29 identification, and treatment of human physical or mental conditions, diseases,
30 ailments, illnesses, infirmities, pain, defects, or injuries and the promotion and
31 restoration of health and wellness.

32 (4) Healing arts profession. – Any of the professions listed in G.S. 90-750.8.

33 (5) North Carolina Healing Arts License. – A license in a healing arts profession
34 issued pursuant to this Article.

35 "**§ 90-750.3. North Carolina Healing Arts Commission; composition; terms; compensation.**



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- 1 (a) Establishment. – The North Carolina Healing Arts Commission is hereby created. The
2 Commission shall consist of the following members appointed to three-year terms as follows:
- 3 (1) One reflexologist appointed by the General Assembly upon the
4 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 5 (2) One music therapist appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives.
- 7 (3) One reflexologist appointed by the Governor.
- 8 (4) One music therapist appointed by the Governor.
- 9 (5) One member of the public appointed by the Governor.
- 10 (b) Vacancies. – Any vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the appointing
11 authority as provided in subsection (a) of this section, except that any vacancy in appointments
12 by the General Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122. Individuals appointed
13 to fill vacancies shall serve until the normal expiration of the term they were appointed to fill.
- 14 (c) Qualifications. –
- 15 (1) All members appointed to the Commission shall be citizens of the United
16 States and residents of the State of North Carolina.
- 17 (2) All members appointed to the Commission, except for the public member
18 appointed by the Governor under subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this
19 section, shall be required to hold a North Carolina Healing Arts License in
20 their respective profession, and remain in good standing for the duration of
21 their terms.
- 22 (3) Public members of the Commission shall not be:
- 23 a. An agent or employee trained or experienced in the practice of healing
24 arts.
- 25 b. An agent or employee of a person engaged in the practice of healing
26 arts.
- 27 c. A spouse of an individual licensed pursuant to this Article.
- 28 d. Any person with significant financial interest in a health service or
29 profession.
- 30 (d) New Healing Arts Professions. – Any healing arts professions created after January
31 1, 2026, shall have two members on the Commission, both of whom shall serve three-year terms.
32 One of these members shall be appointed by the Governor. The second member shall be
33 appointed by the General Assembly. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make a
34 recommendation to be approved by the General Assembly for the first term, and the President
35 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall make a recommendation to be approved by the General
36 Assembly for the second term. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
37 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall thereafter alternate recommendations for subsequent terms.
- 38 (e) Removal. – The Commission may remove any of its members for neglect of duty,
39 incompetence, or unprofessional conduct. A member subject to disciplinary proceedings as a
40 licensed healing arts professional shall be disqualified from participating in the official business
41 of the Commission until the charges have been resolved. Any member of the Commission may
42 be removed from office by the Governor for good cause shown.
- 43 (f) Compensation of Members; Meetings. – A Commission member may not receive
44 compensation but may receive reimbursement as provided in G.S. 93B-5. The officers of the
45 Commission shall include a chair, a secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary by the
46 Commission to carry out the purposes of this Article. All officers shall be elected annually by the
47 Commission at its first meeting held after appointments to the Commission are made. The
48 Commission shall hold a meeting within 45 days after the appointment of new Commission
49 members. All officers shall serve one-year terms and shall serve until their successors are elected
50 and qualified. No person shall chair the Commission for more than five consecutive years. The
51 Commission may adopt rules governing the calling, holding, and conducting of regular and

1 special meetings. A majority of Commission members present and voting constitutes a quorum,
2 and no action may be taken without a quorum.

3 **"§ 90-750.4. Powers of the Commission.**

4 The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- 5 (1) Administer, coordinate, and enforce the provisions of this Article.
- 6 (2) Adopt, amend, or repeal rules necessary to conduct its business, carry out its
7 duties, and administer this Article.
- 8 (3) Appoint and maintain advisory committees to fulfill the daily regulation of
9 healing arts professions.
- 10 (4) Issue, renew, deny, suspend, or revoke Healing Arts Licenses, order
11 probation, issue reprimands, and conduct any disciplinary actions authorized
12 by this Article.
- 13 (5) Authorize expenditures deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this
14 Article from fees paid to the Commission pursuant to this Article.
- 15 (6) Remit to advisory committees funds sufficient for those advisory committees
16 to carry out their duties.
- 17 (7) Conduct investigations for the purpose of discovering violations of this Article
18 or grounds for disciplinary actions.
- 19 (8) Conduct any administrative hearings necessary for the administration of this
20 Article, including disciplinary hearings to enforce the provisions of this
21 Article.
- 22 (9) Establish fees as necessary for the administration of this Article.

23 **"§ 90-750.5. Expenses and fees.**

24 (a) All fees shall be payable to and deposited in the name of the Commission in financial
25 institutions designated by the Commission as official depositories. These fees shall be used to
26 carry out the purposes of this Article.

27 (b) All salaries, compensation, and expenses incurred or allowed to carry out the purposes
28 of this Article shall be paid by the Commission exclusively out of the fees received by the
29 Commission as authorized by this Article or funds received from other sources. In no case shall
30 any salary, expense, or other obligation authorized by this Article be charged against the State
31 treasury.

32 (c) The Commission shall establish fees for healing arts professions not exceeding the
33 following amounts:

- 34 (1) Issuance of a North Carolina Healing Arts License..... \$300.00
- 35 (2) License application and examination..... \$200.00
- 36 (3) North Carolina Healing Arts License renewal (annually)..... \$350.00
- 37 (4) Late renewal \$200.00.

38 **"§ 90-750.6. Violations.**

39 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any person violating any
40 provision of this Article shall be punished as follows:

- 41 (1) For the first violation, the individual shall receive a written warning.
- 42 (2) For the second violation, the individual shall be subject to a civil penalty of
43 no more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- 44 (3) For the third and each subsequent violation, the individual shall be subject to
45 a civil penalty of no more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each
46 violation and shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

47 (b) The clear proceeds of a civil penalty assessed under this section shall be remitted to
48 the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2.

49 **"§ 90-750.7. Injunction.**

1 As an additional remedy, the Commission may proceed in superior court to enjoin and
2 restrain any person from violating the prohibitions of this Article. The Commission shall not be
3 required to post bond when seeking an injunction pursuant to this section.

4 **"§ 90-750.8. Healing arts professions.**

5 The following are the healing arts professions subject to this Article:

- 6 (1) Reflexologists.
- 7 (2) Music therapists.

8 **"§ 90-750.9. Third-party reimbursement.**

9 Nothing in this Article shall be construed to require direct third-party reimbursement to
10 persons licensed under this Article.

11 "Part 2. Reflexology.

12 **"§ 90-750.10. Reflexology as a healing arts profession.**

13 It is the policy of this State that the practice of reflexology shall be considered a healing arts
14 profession.

15 **"§ 90-750.11. Definitions.**

16 The following definitions apply in this Part:

- 17 (1) Certifying entity. – The American Reflexology Certification Board or its
18 successor.
- 19 (2) Committee. – The North Carolina Reflexology Advisory Committee.
- 20 (3) National certification. – A determination by the certifying entity that an
21 individual has passed the certifying entity's national exam and that the
22 individual has an active status with the certifying entity.
- 23 (4) North Carolina Licensed Reflexologist. – An individual that (i) is certified by
24 the certifying entity as a certified reflexologist and (ii) has been issued a North
25 Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology by the Commission.
- 26 (5) Reflexology. – A protocol of manual techniques, including thumb- and
27 finger-walking, hook and backup, and rotating-on-a-point, that are applied to
28 specific reflex areas predominantly on the feet and hands and that stimulate
29 the complex neural pathways linking body systems and support the body's
30 efforts to function optimally. The practice of reflexology is not massage and
31 bodywork therapy as defined in Article 36 of this Chapter.

32 **"§ 90-750.12. North Carolina Reflexology Advisory Committee.**

33 (a) Establishment. – The North Carolina Reflexology Advisory Committee is created.
34 The Committee consists of three members serving staggered terms. The initial Committee
35 members shall be appointed on or before January 1, 2026, as follows:

- 36 (1) The Commission shall appoint from a list of names submitted by the North
37 Carolina Reflexology Association or its successor two reflexologists eligible
38 for licensure under this Article. One member shall serve an initial term of three
39 years, and one member shall serve an initial term of two years.
- 40 (2) The Commission shall appoint one public member who shall serve an initial
41 term of one year.

42 Upon the expiration of the terms of the initial Committee members, each subsequent member
43 shall be appointed for a term of three years. The term of a member shall begin on January 1 of
44 each year. A member shall serve until the member's successor is appointed. No member shall
45 serve on the Committee for more than two consecutive full terms.

46 (b) Qualifications. – The initial reflexologist appointees shall be citizens of the United
47 States and North Carolina residents for at least two years prior to appointment, certified by the
48 certifying entity as a reflexologist, and eligible to obtain a North Carolina Healing Arts License
49 in reflexology under G.S. 90-750.14. Upon appointment, each initial reflexologist appointee shall
50 immediately seek to obtain a North Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology under this
51 Article and shall remain in good standing with the Committee during the appointee's term.

1 Subsequent reflexologist appointees shall be citizens of the United States, residents of North
2 Carolina, North Carolina Licensed Reflexologists, and appointed by the Commission from a list
3 of names supplied by the North Carolina Reflexology Association or its successor. Public
4 members of the Committee shall not be:

- 5 (1) An agent or employee trained or experienced in the practice of reflexology.
- 6 (2) An agent or employee of a person engaged in the practice of reflexology.
- 7 (3) A member of a healing arts profession or a person enrolled in a program to
8 become a member of a healing arts profession.
- 9 (4) A spouse of an individual licensed under this Article.
- 10 (5) Any person with significant financial interest in a health service or profession.

11 (c) Meetings. – The Committee shall elect annually a chair and other officers as it deems
12 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article. The Committee may hold additional meetings
13 upon the call of the chair or any two Committee members. A majority of the Committee shall
14 constitute a quorum.

15 (d) Compensation of Members; Expenses; Employees. – Members of the Committee
16 shall receive no compensation for their services but shall receive per diem and necessary travel
17 and subsistence expenses as provided in G.S. 138-5 and G.S. 138-6. In no event shall the State
18 of North Carolina be liable for expenses incurred by the Committee in excess of the income
19 derived from this Article.

20 **"§ 90-750.13. Powers and duties of Committee.**

21 The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- 22 (1) Administer and coordinate the provisions of this Part.
- 23 (2) Make recommendations to the Commission to adopt, amend, or repeal rules
24 to administer and enforce this Part.
- 25 (3) Establish and determine qualification and fitness of applicants for a North
26 Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology under this Part.
- 27 (4) Make recommendations to the Commission to issue, renew, deny, suspend,
28 revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a North Carolina Healing Arts License in
29 reflexology under this Article.
- 30 (5) Make recommendations to the Commission to discipline North Carolina
31 Licensed Reflexologists.
- 32 (6) Advise the Commission to seek civil and criminal penalties against
33 nonlicensed individuals engaged in the practice of reflexology.
- 34 (7) Provide all North Carolina Licensed Reflexologists with a wallet-sized card
35 identifying the bearer as a North Carolina Licensed Reflexologist.
- 36 (8) Maintain a list of all individuals in the State who hold a North Carolina
37 Healing Arts License in reflexology.

38 **"§ 90-750.14. Healing arts licensure in reflexology application and requirements.**

39 Each individual desiring to obtain a North Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology under
40 this Article shall apply to the Committee in accordance with the procedures and rules prescribed
41 by the Commission. The Committee shall recommend that the Commission issue a North
42 Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology to any applicant who furnishes evidence
43 satisfactory to the Committee that the applicant meets all of the following criteria:

- 44 (1) The applicant is at least 18 years of age.
- 45 (2) The applicant is of good moral character as determined by the Committee.
- 46 (3) The applicant holds a national certification issued by the certifying entity.
- 47 (4) The applicant has paid all applicable fees to the Commission as specified in
48 G.S. 90-750.5.

49 **"§ 90-750.15. License renewal.**

50 Every North Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology issued by the Commission shall
51 be renewed on or before January 1 every year. The Committee shall recommend that the

1 Commission renew the North Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology of any individual
2 who files a renewal application with the committee and who meets the criteria set forth in
3 G.S. 90-750.14.

4 **"§ 90-750.16. Compensation for reflexology services; prohibited acts.**

5 (a) Compensation may be received for reflexology services only when those services are
6 performed by an individual holding a North Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology.
7 Nonlicensed individuals who provide reflexology services or who engage in the practice of
8 reflexology are subject to the penalties in G.S. 90-750.6 or an injunction under G.S. 90-750.7
9 unless any of the following applies:

10 (1) The individual is a reflexology student working to obtain a certification of
11 completion from a nationally recognized reflexology education program.

12 (2) The individual holds a certification of completion from a nationally
13 recognized reflexology education program, and that program was completed
14 no more than six months prior to that individual receiving compensation for
15 reflexology services.

16 (b) Unless all reflexology services are performed by individuals holding a North Carolina
17 Healing Arts License in reflexology, a place of business where reflexology services are offered
18 for compensation shall be subject to a civil penalty of no more than five hundred dollars
19 (\$500.00) for each violation and a suspension of any license to operate the business for no more
20 than 90 days. The clear proceeds of the civil penalty assessed under this section shall be remitted
21 to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2. The Commission
22 shall enforce the provisions of this subsection.

23 **"§ 90-750.17. License to be displayed; advertising.**

24 (a) At all places of business in which compensated reflexology services are offered, a
25 valid and up-to-date license for all individuals offering compensated reflexology services shall
26 be displayed in a prominent place.

27 (b) All public advertising designed to attract clients for reflexology services shall identify
28 that the services will be performed by an individual holding a North Carolina Healing Arts
29 License in reflexology.

30 (c) No individual shall use the title "North Carolina Licensed Reflexologist" unless that
31 individual holds a valid North Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology issued by the
32 Commission. Individuals holding themselves out as North Carolina Licensed Reflexologists shall
33 carry the identification card described in G.S. 90-750.13(7) at all times when providing
34 reflexology services. Individuals in violation of this subsection are subject to the penalties in
35 G.S. 90-750.6 or an injunction under G.S. 90-750.7.

36 **"§ 90-750.18. Reciprocity.**

37 The Committee may recommend that the Commission grant, upon application and payment
38 of proper fees, a North Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology to a person who has been
39 licensed or certified to practice reflexology in another state or territory of the United States whose
40 standards of competency are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure provided
41 in this Article.

42 **"§ 90-750.19. Exemptions.**

43 This Part shall not apply to an individual who may apply pressure to the reflex areas on the
44 hands, feet, and outer ears in the regular course of that individual's work, so long as (i) the
45 individual is licensed by this State as a massage and bodywork therapist, physician, chiropractor,
46 acupuncturist, physical therapist, cosmetologist, registered nurse, or as a member of other
47 professions licensed by the State and (ii) this application of pressure to the reflex areas on the
48 hands, feet, and outer ears accounts for no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of that
49 individual's work.

50 "Part 3. Music Therapy.

51 **"§ 90-750.20. Music therapy as a healing arts profession.**

1 It is the policy of this State that the practice of music therapy shall be considered a healing
2 arts profession.

3 **"§ 90-750.21. Definitions.**

4 The following definitions apply in this Part:

- 5 (1) Certifying entity. – The Certification Board for Music Therapists or its
6 successor.
- 7 (2) Committee. – The North Carolina Music Therapy Advisory Committee.
- 8 (3) Music therapy. – The clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions
9 to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a
10 credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy
11 program, including (i) assessment of a client's emotional, physical, and
12 spiritual health; social functioning; communication abilities; and cognitive
13 skills through the client's history and observation and interaction of the client
14 in music and nonmusic settings, (ii) development and implementation of
15 treatment plans, based on a client's assessed needs, using music interventions,
16 including music improvisation, receptive music listening, song writing, lyric
17 discussion, music and imagery, music performance, learning through music,
18 and movement to music, and (iii) evaluation and documentation of the client's
19 response to treatment.
- 20 (4) Music therapy services. – The provision of services to accomplish music
21 therapy goals, including (i) conducting an individualized assessment for the
22 purpose of collecting systematic, comprehensive, and accurate data necessary
23 to determine the course of action subsequent to the individualized treatment
24 plan, (ii) planning and developing the individualized music therapy treatment
25 plan that identifies an individual's goals, objectives, and potential treatment
26 intervention strategies, (iii) implementing the individualized music therapy
27 treatment plan consistent with the individual's overall treatment program, (iv)
28 systematically evaluating and comparing the individual's response to the
29 individualized music therapy treatment plan and suggesting modifications, as
30 appropriate, (v) developing a discharge plan in collaboration with the
31 individual, the individual's family, treatment team, and other identified
32 support networks, when appropriate, (vi) minimizing the impact of
33 environmental constraints as a barrier to participation in least restrictive
34 environments for individuals engaging in music therapy, (vii) collaborating
35 with and educating the individual, family, caregiver, and others to foster an
36 environment responsive to the developmental needs of the individual as
37 addressed in music therapy, and (viii) consulting with groups, programs,
38 organizations, or communities to improve accessibility to music therapy
39 services.
- 40 (5) National certification. – A determination by the certifying entity that an
41 individual has satisfied the certifying entity's requirements and that the
42 individual has an active status with the certifying entity.
- 43 (6) North Carolina Licensed Music Therapist. – An individual who has been
44 issued a North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy by the
45 Commission.

46 **"§ 90-750.22. North Carolina Music Therapy Advisory Committee.**

47 (a) Establishment. – The North Carolina Music Therapy Advisory Committee is created.
48 The Committee consists of three members serving staggered terms. The initial Committee
49 members shall be appointed on or before January 1, 2026, as follows:

- 50 (1) The Commission shall appoint from a list of names submitted by the Music
51 Therapy Association of North Carolina or its successor two music therapists

1 eligible to obtain a North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy
2 under this Article. One member shall serve an initial term of three years, and
3 one member shall serve an initial term of two years.

4 (2) The Commission shall appoint one public member who shall serve an initial
5 term of one year.

6 Upon the expiration of the terms of the initial Committee members, each subsequent member
7 shall be appointed for a term of three years. The term of a member shall begin on January 1 of
8 each year. A member shall serve until the member's successor is appointed. No member shall
9 serve on the Committee for more than two consecutive full terms.

10 (b) Qualifications. – The initial music therapist appointees shall be citizens of the United
11 States and North Carolina residents for at least two years prior to appointment, certified by the
12 certifying entity as a music therapist, and eligible to obtain a North Carolina Healing Arts License
13 in music therapy under G.S. 90-750.24. Upon appointment, each initial music therapist appointee
14 shall immediately seek to obtain a North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy under
15 this Article and shall remain in good standing with the Committee during the appointee's term.
16 Subsequent music therapist appointees shall be citizens of the United States, residents of North
17 Carolina, North Carolina Licensed Music Therapists, and appointed by the Commission from a
18 list of names supplied by the Music Therapy Association of North Carolina or its successor.
19 Public members of the Committee shall not be:

20 (1) An agent or employee trained or experienced in the practice of music therapy.

21 (2) An agent or employee of a person engaged in the practice of music therapy.

22 (3) A member of a healing arts profession or a person enrolled in a program to
23 become a member of a healing arts profession.

24 (4) A spouse of an individual licensed under this Article.

25 (5) Any person with significant financial interest in a health service or profession.

26 (c) Meetings. – The Committee shall elect annually a chair and other officers as it deems
27 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article. The Committee may hold additional meetings
28 upon the call of the chair or any two Committee members. A majority of the Committee shall
29 constitute a quorum.

30 (d) Compensation of Members; Expenses; Employees. – Members of the Committee
31 shall receive no compensation for their services but shall receive per diem and necessary travel
32 and subsistence expenses as provided in G.S. 138-5 and G.S. 138-6. In no event shall the State
33 of North Carolina be liable for expenses incurred by the Committee in excess of the income
34 derived from this Article.

35 **"§ 90-750.23. Powers and duties of Committee.**

36 The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

37 (1) Administer and coordinate the provisions of this Part.

38 (2) Make recommendations to the Commission to adopt, amend, or repeal rules
39 to administer and enforce this Part.

40 (3) Establish and determine qualification and fitness of applicants for a North
41 Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy under this Part.

42 (4) Make recommendations to the Commission to issue, renew, deny, suspend,
43 revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a North Carolina Healing Arts License in
44 music therapy under this Article.

45 (5) Make recommendations to the Commission to discipline North Carolina
46 Licensed Music Therapists.

47 (6) Advise the Commission to seek civil and criminal penalties against
48 nonlicensed individuals engaged in the practice of music therapy.

49 (7) Provide all North Carolina Licensed Music Therapists with a wallet-sized card
50 identifying the bearer as a North Carolina Licensed Music Therapist.

- 1 (8) Maintain a list of all individuals in the State who hold a North Carolina
2 Healing Arts License in music therapy.

3 **"§ 90-750.24. North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy requirements.**

4 Each individual desiring to obtain a North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy
5 under this Article shall apply to the Committee in accordance with the procedures and rules
6 prescribed by the Commission. The Committee shall recommend that the Commission issue a
7 North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy to any applicant who furnishes evidence
8 satisfactory to the Committee that the applicant meets all of the following criteria:

- 9 (1) Is 18 years of age or older.
10 (2) Is of good moral character as determined by the Committee.
11 (3) Has successfully completed an academic program accredited by the American
12 Music Therapy Association (AMTA) with at least a bachelor's degree
13 majoring in music therapy from an accredited college or university.
14 (4) Has successfully completed the certification examination offered by the
15 certifying entity to become a Music Therapist-Board Certified (MT-BC).
16 (5) Has successfully completed a minimum of 1,200 hours of clinical training
17 with at least 180 hours in preinternship experiences and at least 900 hours in
18 internship experiences. For purposes of this subdivision, the internship may
19 be approved by an academic institution, the AMTA, or both.
20 (6) Has paid all applicable fees to the Commission as specified under
21 G.S. 90-750.5.

22 **"§ 90-750.25. License renewal.**

23 Every North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy issued by the Commission shall
24 be renewed on or before January 1 every five years. The Committee shall recommend that the
25 Commission renew the license of any individual who files a renewal application with the
26 Committee and who meets the licensure criteria set forth in G.S. 90-750.24.

27 **"§ 90-750.26. Compensation for music therapy services; prohibited acts.**

28 Compensation may be received for music therapy services only when those services are
29 performed by an individual holding a North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy.
30 Nonlicensed individuals who provide music therapy services or who engage in the practice of
31 music therapy are subject to the penalties in G.S. 90-750.6 or an injunction under G.S. 90-750.7.

32 **"§ 90-750.27. North Carolina Licensed Music Therapist.**

33 No individual shall use the title "North Carolina Licensed Music Therapist" unless that
34 individual holds a valid North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy issued by the
35 Commission. Individuals holding themselves out as North Carolina Licensed Music Therapists
36 shall carry the identification card described in G.S. 90-750.23(7) at all times when providing
37 music therapy. Individuals in violation of this section are subject to the penalties in G.S. 90-750.6
38 or an injunction under G.S. 90-750.7.

39 **"§ 90-750.28. Reciprocity.**

40 The Committee may recommend that the Commission grant, upon application and payment
41 of proper fees, a North Carolina Healing Arts License in music therapy to a person who has been
42 licensed or certified to practice music therapy in another state or territory of the United States
43 whose standards of competency are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure
44 provided in this Article."

45 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 90-624 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

- 46 "(9) A licensed reflexologist engaged in the practice of reflexology, as defined in
47 G.S. 90-750.11."

48 **SECTION 2.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 90-750.3, as enacted by Section 1(a) of this
49 act, the North Carolina Healing Arts Commission shall be appointed as follows:

- 1 (1) The General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate, shall appoint one reflexologist to serve an initial term
3 of three years.
- 4 (2) The General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House
5 of Representatives, shall appoint one music therapist to serve an initial term
6 of two years.
- 7 (3) The Governor shall appoint one reflexologist to serve an initial term of three
8 years.
- 9 (4) The Governor shall appoint one music therapist to serve an initial term of two
10 years.
- 11 (5) The Governor shall appoint one member of the public who shall serve an
12 initial term of three years.

13 **SECTION 2.(b)** The reflexologists appointed to the Commission pursuant to
14 subsection (a) of this section shall have been North Carolina residents for at least two years prior
15 to appointment, certified by a national entity that certifies reflexologists, and eligible for licensure
16 under G.S. 90-750.14, as enacted by Section 1(a) of this act. Upon appointment, the reflexologist
17 appointees shall seek to obtain a North Carolina Healing Arts License in reflexology as soon as
18 the first application period begins and shall remain in good standing with the Commission.

19 **SECTION 2.(c)** The music therapists appointed to the Commission pursuant to
20 subsection (a) of this section shall have been North Carolina residents for at least two years prior
21 to appointment, certified by a national entity that certifies music therapists, and eligible for
22 licensure under G.S. 90-750.24, as enacted pursuant to Section 1(a) of this act. Upon
23 appointment, the initial music therapist appointees shall seek to obtain a North Carolina Healing
24 Arts License in music therapy as soon as the first application period begins and shall remain in
25 good standing with the Commission.

26 **SECTION 2.(d)** The appointments required by this section shall be made on or
27 before December 1, 2025, and the initial terms of the appointees shall begin on January 1, 2026.
28 Once these initial terms expire, all vacancies shall be filled according to the provisions of
29 G.S. 90-750.3, as enacted in Section 1(a) of this act.

30 **SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 90-750.6 and G.S. 90-750.7, as enacted by Section 1(a) of this
31 act, become effective on the date that is the first day of a month that begins 180 days after the
32 Chair of the Healing Arts Commission certifies to the Revisor of Statutes that the Commission
33 has begun accepting applications for Healing Arts Licenses and apply to acts committed on or
34 after that date. This section and the remainder of Section 1 of this act are effective when they
35 become law.

36 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2026.