By:  Ortega, et al. H.B. No. 2747

     (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez, Menéndez)

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2019; May 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; May 20, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols              X

Campbell             X

Creighton                      X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire             X

Zaffirini            X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2747 By:  Nichols

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain notice requirements applicable to massage therapy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Subchapter E, Chapter 455, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 455.207 to read as follows:

Sec. 455.207.  POSTING OF CERTAIN NOTICES REQUIRED. (a) Each massage establishment and massage school shall display in the form and manner prescribed by the commission a sign concerning services and assistance available to victims of human trafficking.

(b)  The sign required by this section must:

(1)  be in English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, and any other language required by commission rule;

(2)  include a toll-free telephone number of a nationally recognized information and referral hotline for victims of human trafficking; and

(3)  be displayed in a conspicuous place clearly visible to the public.

(c)  The commission by rule shall establish requirements regarding the posting of signs under this section.

SECTION 2.  (a) Not later than March 1, 2020, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 455.207, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

(b)  A massage establishment, as defined by Section 455.001, Occupations Code, shall comply with Section 455.207, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than April 1, 2020.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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