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H.B. No. 1616

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain notice and license display requirements applicable to massage therapy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 455.204, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The license of a massage therapist that is posted under Subsection (b) must have a photograph of the massage therapist attached to the front of the license.

SECTION 2. 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

1 regarding the posting of signs under this section.

2 SECTION 3. Not later than November 1, 2019, the Texas
3 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary
4 to implement the changes in law made by this Act to Chapter 455,
5 Occupations Code. The commission may adopt the rules in the manner
6 provided by law for emergency rules under Chapter 2001, Government
7 Code.

8 SECTION 4. Each massage establishment and massage school,
9 as those terms are defined by Section 455.001, Occupations Code,
10 shall comply with Sections 455.204(b-1) and 455.207, Occupations
11 Code, as added by this Act, as applicable, not later than January 1,
12 2020.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.