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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of an emergency order by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation against a massage establishment.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter F, Chapter 455, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 455.252 to read as follows:

Sec. 455.252.  EMERGENCY ORDER. The executive director shall issue an emergency order under Section 51.3511 halting the operation of a massage establishment if:

(1)  a law enforcement agency gives notice to the department, or the department otherwise learns, that the law enforcement agency is investigating the massage establishment for an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code; or

(2)  the department has reasonable cause to believe that an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, is being committed at the massage establishment.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.