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H.B. No. 491

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain civil penalties collected for violations of laws regulating massage therapy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 455.351, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f-1) A civil penalty recovered in an action by a district or county attorney under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the county where the court is located and used only for purposes of combatting human trafficking. A civil penalty recovered in an action by a municipal attorney under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the municipality and used only for purposes of combatting human trafficking.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.