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H.B. No. 491

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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