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S.B. No. 2167

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of massage therapy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 455.206, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 455.206. NEW LICENSE REQUIRED FOR [ESTABLISHMENT] CHANGE OF LOCATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OR SCHOOL [PROHIBITED]. A massage establishment or massage school may not change the location of the establishment or school without obtaining a new massage establishment or massage school license under this chapter, as appropriate.

SECTION 2. Section 455.251, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(d) If the applicant for a massage establishment or school license under this chapter is subject to an emergency order under Section 51.3511 for a ground described by Section 455.252, the commission or executive director may delay the determination to approve or refuse the issuance of the license for the period during which the emergency order is in effect. For purposes of this subsection, if the applicant is an entity, the applicant is considered to be subject to the emergency order if any owner or operator of the entity is subject to the emergency order.

(e) The commission or executive director may delay the determination to approve or refuse the issuance of a massage

1 establishment or massage school license for a period of up to 90
2 days after the date on which the application for the license is
3 submitted if the commission or executive director has reasonable
4 cause to believe an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code:

5 (1) is being or is likely to be committed at the
6 location for which the license is sought; or

7 (2) was committed at a massage establishment or
8 massage school owned or operated by the applicant or, if the
9 applicant is an entity, operated by any owner or operator of the
10 applicant.

11 (f) For purposes of Subsection (e), the date that an
12 application is submitted is the date on which a complete
13 application is received by the department, including any additional
14 requested materials.

15 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
16 of this Act, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall
17 adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this
18 Act to Chapter 455, Occupations Code.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.