

CHAPTER 2014-139

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1065

An act relating to licensed massage therapists; amending s. 456.0135, F.S.; requiring an applicant for licensure under chapter 480, F.S., to submit to certain fingerprinting requirements; requiring fingerprints to be enrolled in the national retained print arrest notification program and the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse; amending s. 456.074, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to issue an emergency order suspending the license of a massage therapist or establishment for certain offenses; amending s. 480.041, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a massage therapist license to submit to certain background screening requirements; requiring a massage therapist who was issued a license before a specified date to submit to certain background screening requirements by a specified date; requiring the Board of Massage Therapy to deny an application for a new or renewal massage therapy license for certain offenses; amending s. 480.043, F.S.; requiring a person with a specified interest in an establishment to submit to certain background screening requirements; authorizing the department to adopt rules related to corporate assets; requiring the department to deny an application for a new or renewal massage establishment license for certain offenses; requiring a person with a specified interest in a massage establishment that was issued a license before a specified date to submit to certain background screening requirements by a specified date; providing an exemption for certain licensed physicians; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 480.0465, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 456.0135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.0135 General background screening provisions.—

(1) An application for initial licensure received on or after January 1, 2013, under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 464, ~~or s. 465.022, or chapter 480~~ shall include fingerprints pursuant to procedures established by the department through a vendor approved by the Department of Law Enforcement and fees imposed for the initial screening and retention of fingerprints. Fingerprints must be submitted electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing. Each board, or the department if there is no board, shall screen the results to determine if an applicant meets licensure requirements. For any subsequent renewal of the applicant's license that requires a national criminal history check, the department shall request the Department of Law Enforcement to forward the retained fingerprints of the applicant to the Federal Bureau of

Investigation unless the fingerprints are enrolled in the national retained print arrest notification program.

(2) All fingerprints submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement as required under subsection (1) shall be retained by the Department of Law Enforcement as provided under s. 943.05(2)(g) and (h) and (3) and enrolled in the national retained print arrest notification program at the Federal Bureau of Investigation when the Department of Law Enforcement begins participation in the program. The department shall notify the Department of Law Enforcement regarding any person whose fingerprints have been retained but who is no longer licensed.

(3) The costs of fingerprint processing, including the cost for retaining fingerprints, shall be borne by the applicant subject to the background screening.

(4) All fingerprints received under this section shall be entered into the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse as provided in s. 435.12.

Section 2. Subsection (5) is added to section 456.074, Florida Statutes, to read:

456.074 Certain health care practitioners; immediate suspension of license.—

(5) The department shall issue an emergency order suspending the license of a massage therapist or establishment as defined in chapter 480 upon receipt of information that the massage therapist, a person with an ownership interest in the establishment, or, for a corporation that has more than \$250,000 of business assets in this state, the owner, officer, or individual directly involved in the management of the establishment has been convicted or found guilty of, or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony offense under any of the following provisions of state law or a similar provision in another jurisdiction:

- (a) Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
- (b) Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
- (c) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
- (d) Section 787.06, relating to human trafficking.
- (e) Section 787.07, relating to human smuggling.
- (f) Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- (g) Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.
- (h) Section 796.03, relating to procuring a person under the age of 18 for prostitution.

(i) Section 796.035, relating to the selling or buying of minors into prostitution.

(j) Section 796.04, relating to forcing, compelling, or coercing another to become a prostitute.

(k) Section 796.05, relating to deriving support from the proceeds of prostitution.

(l) Section 796.07(4)(c), relating to a felony of the third degree for a third or subsequent violation of s. 796.07, relating to prohibiting prostitution and related acts.

(m) Section 800.04, relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of persons less than 16 years of age.

(n) Section 825.1025(2)(b), relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly or disabled person.

(o) Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a child.

(p) Section 847.0133, relating to the protection of minors.

(q) Section 847.0135, relating to computer pornography.

(r) Section 847.0138, relating to the transmission of material harmful to minors to a minor by electronic device or equipment.

(s) Section 847.0145, relating to the selling or buying of minors.

Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 480.041, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5), respectively, and a new subsection (3) and subsections (6) and (7) are added to that section to read:

480.041 Massage therapists; qualifications; licensure; endorsement.—

(3) An applicant must submit to background screening under s. 456.0135.

(6) Massage therapists who were issued a license before July 1, 2014, must submit to the background screening requirements of s. 456.0135 by January 31, 2015.

(7) The board shall deny an application for a new or renewal license if an applicant has been convicted or found guilty of, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony offense under any of the following provisions of state law or a similar provision in another jurisdiction:

(a) Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.

(b) Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.

- (c) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
- (d) Section 787.06, relating to human trafficking.
- (e) Section 787.07, relating to human smuggling.
- (f) Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- (g) Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.
- (h) Section 796.03, relating to procuring a person under the age of 18 for prostitution.
- (i) Section 796.035, relating to the selling or buying of minors into prostitution.
- (j) Section 796.04, relating to forcing, compelling, or coercing another to become a prostitute.
- (k) Section 796.05, relating to deriving support from the proceeds of prostitution.
- (l) Section 796.07(4)(c), relating to a felony of the third degree for a third or subsequent violation of s. 796.07, relating to prohibiting prostitution and related acts.
- (m) Section 800.04, relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of persons less than 16 years of age.
- (n) Section 825.1025(2)(b), relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly or disabled person.
- (o) Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a child.
- (p) Section 847.0133, relating to the protection of minors.
- (q) Section 847.0135, relating to computer pornography.
- (r) Section 847.0138, relating to the transmission of material harmful to minors to a minor by electronic device or equipment.
- (s) Section 847.0145, relating to the selling or buying of minors.

Section 4. Subsections (2) through (6) of section 480.043, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (7), respectively, present subsections (7) through (9) are renumbered as subsections (9) through (11), respectively, present subsections (5) and (6) are amended, and new subsections (2), (8), (12), and (13) are added to that section, to read:

480.043 Massage establishments; requisites; licensure; inspection.—

(2) A person who has an ownership interest in an establishment shall submit to the background screening requirements under s. 456.0135.

However, if a corporation submits proof of having more than \$250,000 of business assets in this state, the department shall require the owner, officer, or individual directly involved in the management of the establishment to submit to the background screening requirements of s. 456.0135. The department may adopt rules regarding the type of proof that may be submitted by a corporation.

(6)(5) If, based upon the application and any necessary investigation, the department determines that the proposed establishment would fail to meet the standards adopted by the board under subsection (3) (2), the department shall deny the application for license. Such denial shall be in writing and shall list the reasons for denial. Upon correction of any deficiencies, an applicant previously denied permission to operate a massage establishment may reapply for licensure.

(7)(6) If, based upon the application and any necessary investigation, the department determines that the proposed massage establishment may reasonably be expected to meet the standards adopted by the department under subsection (3) (2), the department shall grant the license under such restrictions as it shall deem proper as soon as the original licensing fee is paid.

(8) The department shall deny an application for a new or renewal license if a person with an ownership interest in the establishment or, for a corporation that has more than \$250,000 of business assets in this state, the owner, officer, or individual directly involved in the management of the establishment has been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony offense under any of the following provisions of state law or a similar provision in another jurisdiction:

- (a) Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
- (b) Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
- (c) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
- (d) Section 787.06, relating to human trafficking.
- (e) Section 787.07, relating to human smuggling.
- (f) Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- (g) Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.
- (h) Section 796.03, relating to procuring a person under the age of 18 for prostitution.
- (i) Section 796.035, relating to selling or buying of minors into prostitution.

(j) Section 796.04, relating to forcing, compelling, or coercing another to become a prostitute.

(k) Section 796.05, relating to deriving support from the proceeds of prostitution.

(l) Section 796.07(4)(c), relating to a felony of the third degree for a third or subsequent violation of s. 796.07, relating to prohibiting prostitution and related acts.

(m) Section 800.04, relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of persons less than 16 years of age.

(n) Section 825.1025(2)(b), relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly or disabled person.

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(q) Section 847.0135, relating to computer pornography.

(r) Section 847.0138, relating to the transmission of material harmful to minors to a minor by electronic device or equipment.

(s) Section 847.0145, relating to the selling or buying of minors.

(12) A person with an ownership interest in or, for a corporation that has more than \$250,000 of business assets in this state, the owner, officer, or individual directly involved in the management of an establishment that was issued a license before July 1, 2014, shall submit to the background screening requirements of s. 456.0135 before January 31, 2015.

(13) This section does not apply to a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460 who employs a licensed massage therapist to perform massage on the physician's patients at the physician's place of practice. This subsection does not restrict investigations by the department for violations of chapter 456 or this chapter.

Section 5. Section 480.0465, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

480.0465 Advertisement.—Each massage therapist or massage establishment licensed under the provisions of this act shall include the number of the license in any advertisement of massage services appearing in a ~~any~~ newspaper, airwave transmission, telephone directory, or other advertising medium. Pending licensure of a new massage establishment pursuant to the provisions of s. ~~480.043(7)~~ 480.043(6), the license number of a licensed massage therapist who is an owner or principal officer of the establishment may be used in lieu of the license number for the establishment.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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