



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** A bill for an ordinance concerning the licensing and regulation of massage businesses and making conforming amendments to the Denver Revised Municipal Code in connection therewith. Amends Chapter 33.5 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code by repealing and reenacting language concerning the licensing and regulation of massage businesses and making conforming amendments in connection therewith. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 6-23-21.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:** Emily Lapel

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. BR21 0712 DPD Massage Businesses Request, 2. 3-11-2021 Debra used widescreen pp Massage Business - 1920 x 1080 v3 - 6-22-2021, 3. Massage Facilities Draft - 22 6-23-21, 4. 21-0712 Filed Bill\_Massage Business Licensing Ordinance (FINAL), 5. 21-0712 Filed Bill\_Massage Business Licensing Ordinance (FINAL), 6. 21-0712 - signed, 7. CB21-0712 For an ordinance concerning the licensing and regulation of massage businesses

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
7/20/2021	1	Mayor	signed	
7/19/2021	1	Council President	signed	
7/19/2021	1	City Council	placed upon final consideration and do pass	Pass
7/12/2021	1	City Council	ordered published	
6/23/2021	1	Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee	approved for filing	Pass

### Other/Miscellaneous Request Template (Appointments; ROW; Code Changes; Zoning Action, etc.)

**Date Submitted:** 6-14-21

**Requesting Agency:** Police  
**Division:**

**Subject Matter Expert Name:**

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**Item Title & Description:**

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*description. Upon bill filling, the City Attorney's Office should enter the title above the description (the title should be in **bold** font).*

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**Affected Council District(s) or citywide?** Citywide

**Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

The Denver Police Department in partnership with the Denver District Attorney's Office, have identified the need for the regulation of businesses offering Massage wherein illicit and unlawful sexual acts as well as public health violations occur under the guise of legitimate massage therapy. The proposal addresses public safety issues along with the social and individual harms caused by the sexual and labor exploitation of persons for profit. Through the application process, the measure identifies business principals with financial interests and requires criminal background checks and attestation of compliance with state laws concerning individual massage therapist licensing. Specific exemptions to the licensing requirement appropriately identify entities such as public and private schools, health care facilities, clinics, and solo therapist practices where patterns of criminal behavior do not normally exist. Provisions for disciplinary actions such as suspension and revocation of licensing provide a means to encourage compliance with provisions of the ordinance and with existing laws. This proposal has been drafted in collaboration with the Denver City Attorney's Office, and Department of Excise & Licenses.

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

**Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):**

**Draft Bill Attached?**