



## Legislation Text

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#### Item Title & Description:

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#### **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.

**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?**