

## **BILL SUMMARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2514</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>7040</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Pittman</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

### **Research Analysis**

HB 2514, as introduced, provides requirements for issuance of massage therapy establishment licenses. The measure provides that establishment license fees will be \$50, and a duplicate license fee will be reduced from \$10 to \$5. These fees and the massage therapist license fee will be renewed annually.

The measure prohibits persons without a State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering-issued massage therapist license from practicing massage therapy or owning a massage therapy establishment in Oklahoma. Convicted violators of this policy will be given a misdemeanor and punished by fine, imprisonment, or both. This act also expands the Advisory Board on Massage Therapy from five to seven members and provides parameters for their appointments. The Advisory Board will promulgate rules to issue and deny licenses and permits, impose fines, and oversee annual license renewals.

The measure also authorizes the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering to place a massage therapy license, massage establishment license, or temporary work permit on probation if the applicant pleaded guilty or no contest to a crime involving massage therapy, faced equitable disciplinary action in another jurisdiction, had a past license or permit revoked, or attempts to obtain the license or permit fraudulently.

The Board may issue field citations and impose an administrative fine of up to \$500 for each violation of the Massage Therapy Practice Act or rule of the Board. Each day a violation continues will be considered a separate offense. Practicing massage therapy without proper licensure and violating sanitation regulations will also result in a misdemeanor.

Lastly, the measure repeals [59 O.S. 4200.8](#), which details requirements for the standardized massage therapy examination, and [59 O.S. 4200.13](#), which subjects persons advertising massage therapy credentials without proper certification to a misdemeanor.

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### **Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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### **Other Considerations**

None.

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