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Bill Analysis

SB 545 transfers all powers and duties of the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering related to the Massage Therapy Practice Act to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The measure also empowers the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to employ or contract with investigators for the sole purpose of investigating complaints regarding the conduct of massage therapists. The Board shall also require applicants for licensure to submit to a criminal background check. The measure increases the licensure fee to \$75 per year and increases the required formal education hours to 600 for applicants who apply on or after July 1, 2027. The measure also adds restrictions and procedures related to investigations of complaints and disciplinary actions against licensees. Finally, the measure requires the licensure of massage therapy establishments. The application fee will be \$200 every two years, and the establishment must submit to inspections.

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