

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB 2117</b>     |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>FULLPCS1</b>    |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>None</b>        |

**Research Analysis**

The Proposed Committee Substitute for HB 2117 clarifies the requirement to hold a massage therapist license in order to practice massage therapy. The measure further requires a license to own or operate a massage therapy establishment.

The bill empowers the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering to issue temporary work permits and clarifies the board's authority to take disciplinary action and investigate violations of the Massage Therapy Practice Act. The bill also adds two positions to the Advisory Board on Massage Therapy

HB 2117 removes certain requirements for licensure relating to maintaining liability insurance and clarifies requirements relating to disclosure of past criminal convictions. CareerTech centers would be authorized to offer massage therapy courses. Municipalities and counties would be authorized to regulate operation times of massage therapy establishments.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Upon review, HB 2117 has no anticipated fiscal implications.

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**Other Considerations**

None.