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Bill Analysis

SB 1309 defines "massage therapy establishment" as a fixed business location, address, building, or property, other than a licensed cosmetology or barbering establishment, where a person engages in, conducts, carries on, or permits to be engaged in the practice of massage therapy as it relates to the Massage Therapy Practice Act. The measure prohibits any person not licensed as a massage therapist from practicing massage therapy for remuneration nor shall unlicensed persons operate a massage therapy establishment without an establishment license. To obtain a license, a person must be 18 years of age or older as well as provide proof that the establishment maintains general liability insurance. Additionally, applicants for an establishment license must disclose whether he or she was denied a license in another jurisdiction and whether he or she holds a license in another jurisdiction. Applicants are also required to submit to a national criminal history check. The State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering may deny a license if applicant has pleaded guilty, nolo contendere, or been convicted of a crime that substantially relates to the ownership, operation, or management of a massage establishment or poses a reasonable threat to public health or safety. The measure also authorizes the Board to inspect licensed premises.

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