

HB 1549 -- MASSAGE THERAPISTS

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This bill provides that the Board of Therapeutic Massage can apply to the Administrative Hearing Commission (AHC) for an emergency suspension or restriction of a license for a licensed massage therapist if the licensee is the subject of a pending criminal indictment or other criminal charge related to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation, and there is reasonable cause to believe the public health, safety, or welfare is at imminent risk of harm.

Within five days of receipt of the complaint, the AHC shall conduct a review and, if the AHC determines there is reasonable cause for the Board's complaint, enter the order requested by the Board. Such order will be effective upon personal service or delivery of a copy at all of the licensee's addresses on file with the Board. The AHC must then hold an evidentiary hearing on the record within 45 days of the Board's filing or upon final adjudication of the criminal charges to determine if the initial order entered by the AHC shall continue in effect and whether a cause for discipline exists.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 175 (2023) and HB 1610 (2022)