

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to massage practice; creating s. 480.0464, F.S.; suspending a massage establishment license or an individual massage license if a licensee is charged with specified crimes; providing for termination of suspension if charges are no longer pending; providing that a suspension remains in effect upon conviction pending disciplinary action by the Board of Massage Therapy; providing for restoration of a license if the charge is nolle prosequied or dismissed or the person is acquitted; providing for extension of the term of a restored license for a certain period; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 480.0464, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

480.0464 License suspension while charges pending.—

(1) The license of a massage establishment and any individual license issued under this chapter shall be suspended if a person named as an operator of the establishment on the establishment license or who holds an individual license is charged with any of the following offenses:

(a) An offense constituting domestic violence, as defined

27 in s. 741.28;

28 (b) A violation of s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10),
 29 or s. 794.05;

30 (c) Any violation of chapter 796; or

31 (d) A violation of s 787.06 or s. 787.07.

32 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (a), a license
 33 suspended under subsection (1) shall remain suspended until no
 34 such charge is pending.

35 (a) If a person is convicted, as defined in s. 775.083, of
 36 a charge described in subsection (1), the suspension shall
 37 remain in effect pending a determination of the board concerning
 38 any disciplinary action as provided in this chapter and s.
 39 456.072.

40 (b) If all charges supporting a license suspension under
 41 subsection (1) are nolle prosequed or dismissed or the person
 42 is acquitted of all such charges, the license shall be
 43 reinstated and extended by the lesser of the time remaining on
 44 the license term at the time of suspension or the full term of
 45 the suspension.

46 Section 2. Section 480.0464, Florida Statutes, as created
 47 by this act, applies only to charges brought on or after the
 48 effective date of this act.

49 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.