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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Massage Establishment Owners and Operators/Managers

FROM: Anthony Jusevitch, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy

SUBJECT: Documents Required While Working In A Massage Establishment
Section 480.0535, Florida Statutes (2012)

Thank you for taking the time to read this important message from the Board of Massage Therapy Office.

This past legislative session House Bill 7049 (2012) relating to human trafficking was passed and signed into law creating section 480.0535, F.S. Effective July 1, 2012 all employees and owners/managers of massage establishments and any person performing a massage in a massage establishment must present valid government identification while in the establishment if "requested by a Department of Health investigator or law enforcement officer." This section also creates criminal penalties and a severity ranking of the criminal offenses for failure to comply with the documentation requirements.

Valid government identification, for the purpose of this section, is defined as one of the following:

1. A valid, unexpired driver's license issued by any state territory or district of the U.S.,
2. A valid, unexpired identification card issued by a state, territory, or district of the U.S.,
3. A valid, unexpired U.S. passport,
4. A naturalization certificate issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security,
5. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card (green card), or
6. A valid unexpired employment authorization card issued by the U.S.

For more information on this bill please visit the Florida Senate website at:
[//www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2012/7049](http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2012/7049).

Thank you for your cooperation with this new requirement.