



Bill Number: S.B. 1656

Dunn Substitute Floor Amendment

Reference to: printed bill

Amendment drafted by: Leg Council

FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

- 1. Reduces the length of continuation of the Board of Massage Therapy from three to two years.**
- 2. Expands the membership of the Board of Massage Therapy Continuation Study Committee to include a law enforcement representative and a representative of a national association of massage therapy licensing boards and agencies, each appointed by the President of the Senate.**
- 3. Adds an emergency clause.**

DUNN SUBSTITUTE FLOOR AMENDMENT
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1656

I move the following SUBSTITUTE amendment to the HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Committee Amendment to
SENATE BILL 1656 (Reference to printed bill)

Amendment instruction key:

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Section 1. Repeal

3 Section 41-3025.10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

4 Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 27, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
5 is amended by adding section ~~[41-3028.11]~~ [41-3027.09], to read:

6 ~~[41-3028.11.]~~ [41-3027.09.] Board of massage therapy:
7 termination July 1, 2027

8 A. THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY TERMINATES ON JULY 1, ~~[2028]~~
9 [2027].

10 B. TITLE 32, CHAPTER 42 AND THIS SECTION ARE REPEALED ON JANUARY 1,
11 ~~[2029]~~ [2028].

12 Sec. 3. Board of massage therapy continuation study
13 committee; membership; duties; report; delayed
14 repeal

15 A. The board of massage therapy continuation study committee is
16 established consisting of the following members:

17 1. Three members of the senate who are appointed by the president
18 of the senate, not more than two of whom are members of the same political
19 party. The president of the senate shall designate one of these members
20 to serve as cochairperson of the committee.

21 2. Three members of the house of representatives who are appointed
22 by the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than two of whom
23 are members of the same political party. The speaker of the house of
24 representatives shall designate one of these members to serve as
25 cochairperson of the committee.

1 3. The executive director of the governor's office of boards and
2 commissions, or the executive director's designee.

3 4. The executive director of the board of massage therapy, or the
4 executive director's designee.

5 5. A representative of private postsecondary schools who is
6 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

7 [6. A representative of law enforcement who is appointed by the
8 president of the senate.]

9 ~~[6.]~~ [7.] A representative of a state or national massage therapy
10 association who is appointed by the president of the senate.

11 [8. A representative of a national association of massage therapy
12 licensing boards and agencies whose primary interest is public and
13 consumer protection and who is appointed by the president of the senate.]

14 B. Members of the study committee are not eligible to receive
15 compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
16 title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

17 C. The study committee shall study the board of massage therapy and
18 make recommendations regarding all of the following:

19 1. Whether the board of massage therapy should continue in its
20 current form, ~~[become]~~ [remain] a stand-alone health board or be combined
21 with an existing board.

22 2. The state's role in expediting background checks.

23 3. Whether the ~~[board's]~~ [board of massage therapy's] information
24 technology project that was implemented beginning in February 2025 is
25 sufficient to deal with existing issues.

26 4. Whether an establishment license should be required in this
27 state as a tool to eliminate sex trafficking.

28 D. In fulfilling the study committee's requirements under
29 subsection C of this section, the study committee shall collect:

30 1. Comparable data points between any previous technology and the
31 new technology solution implemented in February 2025.

32 2. Feedback from stakeholders, licensed massage therapists
33 throughout this state, local law enforcement agencies and victims'
34 services advocates to make any recommended change to the structure of the
35 board of massage therapists or to implement any additional licensure
36 types.

37 E. The study committee shall produce a report not later than
38 December 31, 2026 that includes the recommendations made pursuant to
39 subsection C of this section. The study committee shall submit the report
40 to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
41 representatives and shall submit a copy to the secretary of state.

42 F. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2027.

43 Sec. 4. Purpose

44 Pursuant to section 41-2955, subsection B, Arizona Revised Statutes,
45 the legislature continues the board of massage therapy to promote the safe
46 practice of massage therapy by qualified professionals in this state.

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1 Sec. 5. Retroactivity

2 Sections 1 and 2 of this act apply retroactively to from and after
3 July 1, 2025.

4 <<Sec. 6. Emergency

5 [This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the public
6 peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
7 law.]>>

8 Enroll and engross to conform

9 Amend title to conform

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