



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE THERAPY BUSINESSES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1. Massage therapy businesses -- requirements.** (1) A massage therapy business shall conspicuously display on the premises the license of each massage therapist working at the business or, for a mobile practice, make the license readily available.

(2) (a) The department or a local designee, a local government official having jurisdiction, or a local law enforcement officer may enter a massage therapy business at any time during business hours to determine compliance with subsection (1).

(b) The action taken under subsection (2)(a) may not interrupt a treatment session that is in progress, except that a treatment session lasting 2 hours or more may be interrupted.

**Section 2. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$519,815 from the general fund to the department of justice for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, for the purpose of establishing a two-person human trafficking enforcement team consisting of two agents from the division of criminal investigation.

(2) The duties of the human trafficking enforcement team must include but are not limited to:

(a) collaborating and coordinating between the department of justice and local law enforcement for the investigation and enforcement of online marketing and advertising in which human trafficking is known to occur;

(b) helping to lead and coordinate human trafficking sting operations;

(c) conducting interdiction operations on state highways to intercept, identify, and disrupt human trafficking smuggling and activity;

(d) providing training, outreach, education, and coordination on human trafficking at a state level; and

(e) undertaking efforts to collect and share data on human trafficking investigations and cases between

all levels of law enforcement involved in work across the state related to human trafficking.

**Section 3. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

**Section 4. Effective dates.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is effective October 1, 2019.

(2) [Section 2] and this section are effective July 1, 2019.

**Section 5. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 33, part 4, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 33, part 4, apply to [section 1].

**Section 6. Termination.** [Section 1] terminates June 30, 2023.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0749, originated in the House.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 749

INTRODUCED BY D. ZOLNIKOV

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