

HOUSE BILL No. 1386

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-31.5-2-195.6; IC 35-45-21-6.

Synopsis: Massage establishment liability insurance. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor if a person operates a massage establishment and knowingly or intentionally employs an individual who: (1) is providing massages; and (2) does not have certain professional liability insurance.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-31.5-2-195.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 195.6. "**Massage establishment**",
4 **for purposes of IC 35-45-21-6, has the meaning set forth in**
5 **IC 35-45-21-6(a).**

6 SECTION 2. IC 35-45-21-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) As used in this section, "**massage**
9 **establishment**" means a facility where **massage therapy** is
10 **provided. The term does not include the following:**

- 11 (1) **The office of a licensed health care practitioner (as defined**
12 **in IC 20-34-5-4), if the licensed health care practitioner**
13 **employs a massage therapist to perform massage therapy on**
14 **the patients of the licensed health care practitioner.**
- 15 (2) **A public lodging establishment, if the massage therapy is**
16 **provided for persons at the public lodging establishment.**
- 17 (3) **The residence of a massage therapist who provides**



1 **massage therapy at the massage therapist's residence, if the**
2 **massage therapist is the only person providing massage**
3 **therapy at the residence.**

4 **(b) A person who operates a massage establishment and**
5 **knowingly or intentionally employs an individual who:**

6 **(1) provides massages; and**
7 **(2) does not have professional liability insurance with**
8 **minimum coverage of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per**
9 **claim and six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in aggregate;**
10 **commits a Class A misdemeanor.**

