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**SENATE BILL 5582**

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to penalties for allowing or permitting unlicensed practice of massage therapy or reflexology; adding a new section to chapter 18.108 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 18.108 RCW to read as follows:

The following penalties must be imposed upon an owner of a massage business or reflexology business where the unlicensed practice of massage therapy or reflexology has been committed:

(1) Any person who with knowledge or criminal negligence allows or permits the unlicensed practice of massage therapy or flexology to be committed within his or her massage business or reflexology business by another is guilty of a gross misdemeanor for a single violation.

(2) Each subsequent violation, whether alleged in the same or in subsequent prosecutions, is a class C felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

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