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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1252**

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

**By** House Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Wylie, Harris, Moeller, Jenkins, Vick, and S. Hunt)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/15.

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

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.108  
6 RCW to read as follows:

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

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

15           (2) Each subsequent violation, whether alleged in the same or in  
16 subsequent prosecutions, is a gross misdemeanor punishable according  
17 to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

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