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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.nm.gov/AgencyAnalysis) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Date Prepared: 2-21-2025

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB 555

Original X ___ Correction ___

Amendment ___ Substitute ___

Sponsor: Reprs. Jonathan A. Henry, John Block, William A. Hall II, and Angelita Mejia

Agency Name and Code Number:

Regulation and Licensing Department, 420

Short Title: Photos for Licensed Massage Therapy

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		*25.0	0	*25.0	Non-Recurring	Massage Therapy

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*See Note in Fiscal Implications below

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: 2025 SB 203

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 555 (HB555)

HB555 amends the Massage Therapy Practices Act, §§ 61-12C-1 to -28, NMSA 1978 (Act.) Specifically, HB555 amends § 61-12C-9 of the Act, “Requirements for Licensure of Massage Therapists,” mandating the inclusion of a photo on massage therapy licenses.

The effective date for this legislation is June 20, 2025

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

A direct fiscal impact is anticipated by the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) if HB555 is enacted. RLD would need to update its online licensing system, NM-Plus to provide the functionality to allow for the acceptance of a photo and incorporate that logic onto the printed license. Contract fees for information technology development and implementation of the necessary changes to the NM Plus is estimated to be twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) in FY26.

Given the technology change required, RLD requests that the effective date for HB555 be extended to January 1, 2026. See Amendments below.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Massage Therapy Board has indicated their support for HB555.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Partial Duplication of 2025 SB 203.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Massage therapist licenses will continue to be issued without photos.

AMENDMENTS

RLD respectfully requests that the effective date of this legislation be moved from June 20, 2025 to January 1, 2026, to allow more time to implement the change in the online licensing system.

It would also be helpful if the photo requirement included the language “a current photo with a plain background.”