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To amend sections 109.572, 503.41, 3767.10, and 1
5101.87 and to enact sections 109.45, 109.451, 2
109.452, 109.453, 109.454, 109.455, 2905.34, 3
3724.01, 3724.02, 3724.03, 3724.04, 3724.05, 4
3724.06, 3724.07, 3724.99, and 5502.71 of the 5
Revised Code regarding the licensure and 6
regulation of massage businesses and to make an 7
appropriation. 8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 109.572, 503.41, 3767.10, and 9
5101.87 be amended and sections 109.45, 109.451, 109.452, 10
109.453, 109.454, 109.455, 2905.34, 3724.01, 3724.02, 3724.03, 11
3724.04, 3724.05, 3724.06, 3724.07, 3724.99, and 5502.71 of the 12
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 13

Sec. 109.45. As used in sections 109.45 to 109.455 of the 14
Revised Code, "massage operations" has the same meaning as in 15
section 2905.34 of the Revised Code. 16

Sec. 109.451. A person conducting massage operations shall 17
use a financial transaction device to receive payment for all 18
services provided by the person. As used in this section, 19
"financial transaction device" has the same meaning as in 20

section 113.40 of the Revised Code.

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Sec. 109.452. A person conducting massage operations shall
report to the attorney general the payroll of all employees and
shall cross-reference in the report the license number for each
employee licensed under sections 503.40 to 503.50 or 715.61 of
the Revised Code or Chapter 3724. of the Revised Code.

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Sec. 109.453. No person conducting massage operations
shall classify an employee of the person as an independent
contractor.

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Sec. 109.454. The illicit massage task force is created in
the office of the attorney general to monitor suspicious
transactions and to investigate and correct erroneous employee
classification as an independent contractor regarding massage
operations.

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Sec. 109.455. The attorney general shall adopt rules under
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the requirements of
sections 109.45 to 109.455 of the Revised Code, including rules
that do the following:

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(A) Establish the method and manner of reporting employee
payroll under section 109.452 of the Revised Code;

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(B) Guide persons conducting massage operations in
designating individuals as employees or independent contractors
for purposes of sections 109.452 and 109.453 of the Revised
Code;

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(C) Establish standards for persons conducting massage
operations as to what transactions should be considered
suspicious for purposes of section 109.454 of the Revised Code;

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(D) Provide guidance as to the operations, activities, and

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duties of the illicit massage task force under section 109.454 49
of the Revised Code. 50

Sec. 109.572. (A) (1) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to 51
section 121.08, 3301.32, 3301.541, or 3319.39 of the Revised 52
Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of 53
this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 54
the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section, the 55
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 56
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the 57
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 58
whether any information exists that indicates that the person 59
who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted 60
of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: 61

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 62
2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.06, 2903.08, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 63
2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 64
2905.32, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 65
2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.19, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 66
2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 67
2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 68
2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2923.17, 2923.21, 2923.42, 2925.02, 69
2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.13, 2925.22, 70
2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.31, 2925.32, 2925.36, 2925.37, or 3716.11 71
of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation 72
of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of 73
section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 74
1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that 75
would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised 76
Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been 77
committed prior to that date, or a violation of section 2925.11 78
of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense; 79

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this 80
state, any other state, or the United States that is 81
substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in 82
division (A) (1) (a) of this section; 83

(c) If the request is made pursuant to section 3319.39 of 84
the Revised Code for an applicant who is a teacher, any offense 85
specified under section 9.79 of the Revised Code or in section 86
3319.31 of the Revised Code. 87

(2) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3712.09 or 88
3721.121 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed 89
pursuant to division (C) (1) of this section, and a set of 90
fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in 91
division (C) (2) of this section, the superintendent of the 92
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 93
conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who 94
has applied for employment in a position for which a criminal 95
records check is required by those sections. The superintendent 96
shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described 97
in division (B) of this section to determine whether any 98
information exists that indicates that the person who is the 99
subject of the request previously has been convicted of or 100
pleaded guilty to any of the following: 101

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 102
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 103
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 104
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 105
2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 106
2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 107
2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 108
2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 109

2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code; 110

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other 111
state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to 112
any of the offenses listed in division (A)(2)(a) of this 113
section. 114

(3) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 173.27, 115
173.38, 173.381, 3740.11, 5119.34, 5164.34, 5164.341, 5164.342, 116
5123.081, or 5123.169 of the Revised Code, a completed form 117
prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a 118
set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described 119
in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the 120
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 121
conduct a criminal records check of the person for whom the 122
request is made. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal 123
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 124
section to determine whether any information exists that 125
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 126
previously has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, or 127
(except in the case of a request pursuant to section 5164.34, 128
5164.341, or 5164.342 of the Revised Code) has been found 129
eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for any of the 130
following, regardless of the date of the conviction, the date of 131
entry of the guilty plea, or (except in the case of a request 132
pursuant to section 5164.34, 5164.341, or 5164.342 of the 133
Revised Code) the date the person was found eligible for 134
intervention in lieu of conviction: 135

(a) A violation of section 959.13, 959.131, 2903.01, 136
2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 137
2903.15, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2903.341, 138
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2905.32, 2905.33, 139

2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 140
2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 2907.31, 141
2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2907.33, 2909.02, 142
2909.03, 2909.04, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 143
2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.05, 144
2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.40, 2913.41, 2913.42, 145
2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 2913.48, 146
2913.49, 2913.51, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.12, 147
2919.121, 2919.123, 2919.124, 2919.22, 2919.23, 2919.24, 148
2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.11, 2921.12, 2921.13, 2921.21, 2921.24, 149
2921.32, 2921.321, 2921.34, 2921.35, 2921.36, 2921.51, 2923.12, 150
2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2923.162, 2923.21, 151
2923.32, 2923.42, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 152
2925.06, 2925.09, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.14, 2925.22, 2925.23, 153
2925.24, 2925.36, 2925.55, 2925.56, 2927.12, or 3716.11 of the 154
Revised Code; 155

(b) Felonious sexual penetration in violation of former 156
section 2907.12 of the Revised Code; 157

(c) A violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as 158
it existed prior to July 1, 1996; 159

(d) A violation of section 2923.01, 2923.02, or 2923.03 of 160
the Revised Code when the underlying offense that is the object 161
of the conspiracy, attempt, or complicity is one of the offenses 162
listed in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (c) of this section; 163

(e) A violation of an existing or former municipal 164
ordinance or law of this state, any other state, or the United 165
States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses 166
listed in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (d) of this section. 167

(4) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.86, 168

2151.904, or 5103.053 of the Revised Code, a completed form 169
prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a 170
set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described 171
in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the 172
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 173
conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in 174
division (B) of this section to determine whether any 175
information exists that indicates that the person who is the 176
subject of the request previously has been convicted of or 177
pleaded guilty to any of the following: 178

(a) A violation of section 959.13, 2151.421, 2903.01, 179
2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.06, 2903.08, 2903.11, 180
2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 181
2903.32, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.32, 2907.02, 182
2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 183
2907.19, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 184
2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.22, 185
2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.49, 186
2917.01, 2917.02, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 187
2923.13, 2923.161, 2923.17, 2923.21, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 188
2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 189
2925.31, 2925.32, 2925.36, 2925.37, 2927.12, or 3716.11 of the 190
Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code 191
as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 192
2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of 193
section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 194
1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a 195
violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a 196
minor drug possession offense, two or more OVI or OVUAC 197
violations committed within the three years immediately 198
preceding the submission of the application or petition that is 199

the basis of the request, or felonious sexual penetration in 200
violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, or a 201
violation of Chapter 2919. of the Revised Code that is a felony; 202

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this 203
state, any other state, or the United States that is 204
substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in 205
division (A)(4)(a) of this section. 206

(5) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5104.013 207
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to 208
division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 209
impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) 210
of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 211
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 212
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 213
section to determine whether any information exists that 214
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request has 215
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: 216

(a) A violation of section 2151.421, 2903.01, 2903.02, 217
2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 218
2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.32, 219
2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 220
2907.09, 2907.19, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 221
2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 222
2909.03, 2909.04, 2909.05, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 223
2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.041, 2913.05, 2913.06, 2913.11, 224
2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.33, 2913.34, 2913.40, 2913.41, 225
2913.42, 2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 226
2913.48, 2913.49, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.12, 227
2919.22, 2919.224, 2919.225, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.11, 228
2921.13, 2921.14, 2921.34, 2921.35, 2923.01, 2923.12, 2923.13, 229

2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 230
3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in 231
violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a 232
violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed 233
prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the 234
Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 235
of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the 236
violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of 237
section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug 238
possession offense, a violation of section 2923.02 or 2923.03 of 239
the Revised Code that relates to a crime specified in this 240
division, or a second violation of section 4511.19 of the 241
Revised Code within five years of the date of application for 242
licensure or certification. 243

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this 244
state, any other state, or the United States that is 245
substantially equivalent to any of the offenses or violations 246
described in division (A) (5) (a) of this section. 247

(6) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5153.111 248
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to 249
division (C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 250
impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C) (2) 251
of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 252
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 253
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 254
section to determine whether any information exists that 255
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 256
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the 257
following: 258

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 259

2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 260
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 261
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 262
2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 263
2909.02, 2909.03, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 264
2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 265
2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised 266
Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former 267
section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 268
2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, 269
a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would 270
have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as 271
it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been 272
committed prior to that date, or a violation of section 2925.11 273
of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense; 274

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this 275
state, any other state, or the United States that is 276
substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in 277
division (A) (6) (a) of this section. 278

(7) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check 279
from an individual pursuant to section 4749.03 or 4749.06 of the 280
Revised Code, accompanied by a completed copy of the form 281
prescribed in division (C) (1) of this section and a set of 282
fingerprint impressions obtained in a manner described in 283
division (C) (2) of this section, the superintendent of the 284
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 285
conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in 286
division (B) of this section to determine whether any 287
information exists indicating that the person who is the subject 288
of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any 289
criminal offense in this state or in any other state. If the 290

individual indicates that a firearm will be carried in the 291
course of business, the superintendent shall require information 292
from the federal bureau of investigation as described in 293
division (B) (2) of this section. Subject to division (F) of this 294
section, the superintendent shall report the findings of the 295
criminal records check and any information the federal bureau of 296
investigation provides to the director of public safety. 297

(8) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 1321.37, 298
1321.53, or 4763.05 of the Revised Code, a completed form 299
prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of this section, and a 300
set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described 301
in division (C) (2) of this section, the superintendent of the 302
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 303
conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who 304
has applied for a license, permit, or certification from the 305
department of commerce or a division in the department. The 306
superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the 307
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 308
whether any information exists that indicates that the person 309
who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted 310
of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense in this state, any 311
other state, or the United States. 312

(9) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check 313
from the treasurer of state under section 113.041 of the Revised 314
Code or from an individual under section 928.03, 4701.08, 315
4715.101, 4717.061, 4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4729.53, 316
4729.90, 4729.92, 4730.101, 4730.14, 4730.28, 4731.081, 4731.15, 317
4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, 4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 318
4740.061, 4741.10, 4747.051, 4751.20, 4751.201, 4751.21, 319
4753.061, 4755.70, 4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 320
4761.051, 4762.031, 4762.06, 4774.031, 4774.06, 4776.021, 321

4778.04, 4778.07, 4779.091, or 4783.04 of the Revised Code, 322
accompanied by a completed form prescribed under division (C) (1) 323
of this section and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 324
the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section, the 325
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 326
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the 327
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 328
whether any information exists that indicates that the person 329
who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or 330
pleaded guilty to any criminal offense in this state or any 331
other state. Subject to division (F) of this section, the 332
superintendent shall send the results of a check requested under 333
section 113.041 of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state 334
and shall send the results of a check requested under any of the 335
other listed sections to the licensing board specified by the 336
individual in the request. 337

(10) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 124.74, 338
718.131, 1121.23, 1315.141, 1733.47, or 1761.26 of the Revised 339
Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of 340
this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 341
the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section, the 342
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 343
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the 344
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 345
whether any information exists that indicates that the person 346
who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted 347
of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense under any existing 348
or former law of this state, any other state, or the United 349
States. 350

(11) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check 351
from an appointing or licensing authority under section 3772.07 352

of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division 353
(C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions 354
obtained in the manner prescribed in division (C) (2) of this 355
section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 356
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 357
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 358
section to determine whether any information exists that 359
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 360
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest 361
to any offense under any existing or former law of this state, 362
any other state, or the United States that makes the person 363
ineligible for appointment or retention under section 3772.07 of 364
the Revised Code or that is a disqualifying offense as defined 365
in that section or substantially equivalent to a disqualifying 366
offense, as applicable. 367

(12) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.33 368
or 2151.412 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed 369
pursuant to division (C) (1) of this section, and a set of 370
fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in 371
division (C) (2) of this section, the superintendent of the 372
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 373
conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person for 374
whom a criminal records check is required under that section. 375
The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in 376
the manner described in division (B) of this section to 377
determine whether any information exists that indicates that the 378
person who is the subject of the request previously has been 379
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: 380

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 381
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 382
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 383

2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 384
2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 385
2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 386
2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 387
2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 388
2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code; 389

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other 390
state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to 391
any of the offenses listed in division (A)(12)(a) of this 392
section. 393

(13) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3796.12 394
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to 395
division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 396
impressions obtained in a manner described in division (C)(2) of 397
this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 398
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 399
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 400
section to determine whether any information exists that 401
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 402
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 403
disqualifying offense as specified in rules adopted under 404
division (B)(2)(b) of section 3796.03 of the Revised Code if the 405
person who is the subject of the request is an administrator or 406
other person responsible for the daily operation of, or an owner 407
or prospective owner, officer or prospective officer, or board 408
member or prospective board member of, an entity seeking a 409
license from the department of commerce under Chapter 3796. of 410
the Revised Code. 411

(14) On receipt of a request required by section 3796.13 412
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to 413

division (C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 414
impressions obtained in a manner described in division (C) (2) of 415
this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 416
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 417
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 418
section to determine whether any information exists that 419
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 420
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 421
disqualifying offense as specified in rules adopted under 422
section 9.79 and division (B) of section 3796.03 of the Revised 423
Code if the person who is the subject of the request is seeking 424
employment with an entity licensed by the department of commerce 425
under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code. 426

(15) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 4768.06 427
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division 428
(C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions 429
obtained in the manner described in division (C) (2) of this 430
section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 431
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 432
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 433
section to determine whether any information exists indicating 434
that the person who is the subject of the request has been 435
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense in this 436
state or in any other state. 437

(16) On receipt of a request pursuant to division (B) of 438
section 4764.07 or division (A) of section 4735.143 of the 439
Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division (C) (1) 440
of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained 441
in the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section, the 442
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 443
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the 444

manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 445
whether any information exists indicating that the person who is 446
the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded 447
guilty to any criminal offense in any state or the United 448
States. 449

(17) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check 450
under section 147.022 of the Revised Code, a completed form 451
prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of 452
fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner prescribed in 453
division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the 454
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 455
conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in 456
division (B) of this section to determine whether any 457
information exists that indicates that the person who is the 458
subject of the request previously has been convicted of or 459
pleaded guilty or no contest to any criminal offense under any 460
existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the 461
United States. 462

(18) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to division (F) of 463
section 2915.081 or division (E) of section 2915.082 of the 464
Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) 465
of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained 466
in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the 467
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 468
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the 469
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 470
whether any information exists indicating that the person who is 471
the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded 472
guilty or no contest to any offense that is a violation of 473
Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code or to any offense under any 474
existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the 475

United States that is substantially equivalent to such an 476
offense. 477

(19) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3775.03 478
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division 479
(C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions 480
obtained in the manner described in division (C) (2) of this 481
section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 482
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 483
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 484
section and shall request information from the federal bureau of 485
investigation to determine whether any information exists 486
indicating that the person who is the subject of the request has 487
been convicted of any offense under any existing or former law 488
of this state, any other state, or the United States that is a 489
disqualifying offense as defined in section 3772.07 of the 490
Revised Code. 491

(20) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3724.05 492
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to 493
division (C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 494
impressions obtained in a manner described in division (C) (2) of 495
this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 496
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 497
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 498
section to determine whether any information exists that 499
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 500
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 501
disqualifying offense as specified in rules adopted under 502
division (B) of section 3724.03 of the Revised Code. 503

(B) Subject to division (F) of this section, the 504
superintendent shall conduct any criminal records check to be 505

conducted under this section as follows: 506

(1) The superintendent shall review or cause to be 507
reviewed any relevant information gathered and compiled by the 508
bureau under division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code 509
that relates to the person who is the subject of the criminal 510
records check, including, if the criminal records check was 511
requested under section 113.041, 121.08, 124.74, 173.27, 173.38, 512
173.381, 718.131, 928.03, 1121.23, 1315.141, 1321.37, 1321.53, 513
1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3740.11, 514
3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 3775.03, 3796.12, 3796.13, 4729.071, 515
4729.53, 4729.90, 4729.92, 4749.03, 4749.06, 4763.05, 4764.07, 516
4768.06, 5103.053, 5104.013, 5164.34, 5164.341, 5164.342, 517
5123.081, 5123.169, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code, any 518
relevant information contained in records that have been sealed 519
under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code; 520

(2) If the request received by the superintendent asks for 521
information from the federal bureau of investigation, the 522
superintendent shall request from the federal bureau of 523
investigation any information it has with respect to the person 524
who is the subject of the criminal records check, including 525
fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases 526
as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 if the request is made pursuant to 527
section 2151.86, 5103.053, or 5104.013 of the Revised Code or if 528
any other Revised Code section requires fingerprint-based checks 529
of that nature, and shall review or cause to be reviewed any 530
information the superintendent receives from that bureau. If a 531
request under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code asks only for 532
information from the federal bureau of investigation, the 533
superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by 534
division (B) (1) of this section. 535

(3) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee 536
may request criminal history records from other states or the 537
federal government pursuant to the national crime prevention and 538
privacy compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised 539
Code. 540

(4) The superintendent shall include in the results of the 541
criminal records check a list or description of the offenses 542
listed or described in the relevant provision of division (A) of 543
this section. The superintendent shall exclude from the results 544
any information the dissemination of which is prohibited by 545
federal law. 546

(5) The superintendent shall send the results of the 547
criminal records check to the person to whom it is to be sent 548
not later than the following number of days after the date the 549
superintendent receives the request for the criminal records 550
check, the completed form prescribed under division (C) (1) of 551
this section, and the set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 552
the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section: 553

(a) If the superintendent is required by division (A) of 554
this section (other than division (A) (3) of this section) to 555
conduct the criminal records check, thirty; 556

(b) If the superintendent is required by division (A) (3) 557
of this section to conduct the criminal records check, sixty. 558

(C) (1) The superintendent shall prescribe a form to obtain 559
the information necessary to conduct a criminal records check 560
from any person for whom a criminal records check is to be 561
conducted under this section. The form that the superintendent 562
prescribes pursuant to this division may be in a tangible 563
format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible and 564

electronic formats. 565

(2) The superintendent shall prescribe standard impression 566
sheets to obtain the fingerprint impressions of any person for 567
whom a criminal records check is to be conducted under this 568
section. Any person for whom a records check is to be conducted 569
under this section shall obtain the fingerprint impressions at a 570
county sheriff's office, municipal police department, or any 571
other entity with the ability to make fingerprint impressions on 572
the standard impression sheets prescribed by the superintendent. 573
The office, department, or entity may charge the person a 574
reasonable fee for making the impressions. The standard 575
impression sheets the superintendent prescribes pursuant to this 576
division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, 577
or in both tangible and electronic formats. 578

(3) Subject to division (D) of this section, the 579
superintendent shall prescribe and charge a reasonable fee for 580
providing a criminal records check under this section. The 581
person requesting the criminal records check shall pay the fee 582
prescribed pursuant to this division. In the case of a request 583
under section 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1733.47, 584
1761.26, 2151.33, 2151.412, or 5164.34 of the Revised Code, the 585
fee shall be paid in the manner specified in that section. 586

(4) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal 587
identification and investigation may prescribe methods of 588
forwarding fingerprint impressions and information necessary to 589
conduct a criminal records check, which methods shall include, 590
but not be limited to, an electronic method. 591

(D) The results of a criminal records check conducted 592
under this section, other than a criminal records check 593
specified in division (A) (7) of this section, are valid for the 594

person who is the subject of the criminal records check for a 595
period of one year from the date upon which the superintendent 596
completes the criminal records check. If during that period the 597
superintendent receives another request for a criminal records 598
check to be conducted under this section for that person, the 599
superintendent shall provide the results from the previous 600
criminal records check of the person at a lower fee than the fee 601
prescribed for the initial criminal records check. 602

(E) When the superintendent receives a request for 603
information from a registered private provider, the 604
superintendent shall proceed as if the request was received from 605
a school district board of education under section 3319.39 of 606
the Revised Code. The superintendent shall apply division (A)(1) 607
(c) of this section to any such request for an applicant who is 608
a teacher. 609

(F)(1) Subject to division (F)(2) of this section, all 610
information regarding the results of a criminal records check 611
conducted under this section that the superintendent reports or 612
sends under division (A)(7) or (9) of this section to the 613
director of public safety, the treasurer of state, or the 614
person, board, or entity that made the request for the criminal 615
records check shall relate to the conviction of the subject 616
person, or the subject person's plea of guilty to, a criminal 617
offense. 618

(2) Division (F)(1) of this section does not limit, 619
restrict, or preclude the superintendent's release of 620
information that relates to the arrest of a person who is 621
eighteen years of age or older, to an adjudication of a child as 622
a delinquent child, or to a criminal conviction of a person 623
under eighteen years of age in circumstances in which a release 624

of that nature is authorized under division (E) (2), (3), or (4) 625
of section 109.57 of the Revised Code pursuant to a rule adopted 626
under division (E) (1) of that section. 627

(G) As used in this section: 628

(1) "Criminal records check" means any criminal records 629
check conducted by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 630
identification and investigation in accordance with division (B) 631
of this section. 632

(2) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning 633
as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code. 634

(3) "OVI or OVUAC violation" means a violation of section 635
4511.19 of the Revised Code or a violation of an existing or 636
former law of this state, any other state, or the United States 637
that is substantially equivalent to section 4511.19 of the 638
Revised Code. 639

(4) "Registered private provider" means a nonpublic school 640
or entity registered with the department of education and 641
workforce under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code to 642
participate in the autism scholarship program or section 3310.58 643
of the Revised Code to participate in the Jon Peterson special 644
needs scholarship program. 645

Sec. 503.41. (A) A board of township trustees, by 646
resolution, may regulate and require the registration of massage 647
establishments and their employees within the unincorporated 648
territory of the township. In accordance with sections 503.40 to 649
503.49 of the Revised Code, for that purpose, the board, by a 650
majority vote of all members, may adopt, amend, administer, and 651
enforce regulations within the unincorporated territory of the 652
township, including regulations to do the following: 653

(1) Limit operable hours for massage establishments; 654

(2) Require distance buffers from hotels and other high 655
trafficking corridors; 656

(3) Require visible lobby areas and surveillance 657
retention; 658

(4) Prohibit residential occupancy inside massage 659
establishments. 660

(B) A board may adopt regulations and amendments under 661
this section only after public hearing at not fewer than two 662
regular sessions of the board. The board shall publish notice of 663
the public hearings, including the time, date, and place, once a 664
week for two weeks immediately preceding the hearings using at 665
least one of the following methods: 666

(1) In the print or digital edition of a newspaper of 667
general circulation in the township; 668

(2) On the official public notice web site established 669
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 670

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 671
township. 672

The board shall make available proposed regulations or 673
amendments to the public at the office of the board. 674

(C) Regulations or amendments adopted by the board are 675
effective thirty days after the date of adoption unless, within 676
thirty days after the adoption of the regulations or amendments, 677
the township fiscal officer receives a petition, signed by a 678
number of qualified electors residing in the unincorporated area 679
of the township equal to not less than ten per cent of the total 680
vote cast for all candidates for governor in the area at the 681

most recent general election at which a governor was elected, 682
requesting the board to submit the regulations or amendments to 683
the electors of the area for approval or rejection at the next 684
primary or general election occurring at least ninety days after 685
the board receives the petition. 686

No regulation or amendment for which the referendum vote 687
has been requested is effective unless a majority of the votes 688
cast on the issue is in favor of the regulation or amendment. 689
Upon certification by the board of elections that a majority of 690
the votes cast on the issue was in favor of the regulation or 691
amendment, the regulation or amendment takes immediate effect. 692

(D) The board shall make available regulations it adopts 693
or amends to the public at the office of the board and shall 694
cause to be published once a notice of the availability of the 695
regulations within ten days after their adoption or amendment, 696
using at least one of the following methods: 697

(1) In the print or digital edition of a newspaper of 698
general circulation in the township; 699

(2) On the official public notice web site established 700
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 701

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 702
township. 703

(E) Nothing in sections 503.40 to 503.49 of the Revised 704
Code shall be construed to allow a board of township trustees 705
~~to regulate~~ to regulate the practice of any limited branch of 706
medicine specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code or the 707
practice of providing therapeutic massage by a licensed 708
physician, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed podiatrist, a 709
licensed nurse, or any other licensed health professional. As 710

used in this division, "licensed" means licensed, certified, or 711
registered to practice in this state. 712

(F) If a township adopts regulations to require the 713
registration of massage establishments and their employees, the 714
township shall comply with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code. 715

Sec. 2905.34. (A) As used in this section, "massage 716
operations" means activities conducted by the following: 717

(1) A massage business, as that term is defined in section 718
3724.01 of the Revised Code and that is subject to the 719
requirements of sections 3724.01 to 3724.07 of the Revised Code; 720

(2) A massage professional subject to licensure under 721
section 715.61 of the Revised Code; 722

(3) A massage establishment, as that term is defined in 723
section 503.40 of the Revised Code, that is subject to the 724
requirements of sections 503.40 to 503.50 of the Revised Code; 725

(4) A person conducting activities for which licensure is 726
required, but not obtained, under sections 503.40 to 503.50 of 727
the Revised Code, section 715.61 of the Revised Code, or 728
sections 3724.01 to 3724.07 of the Revised Code. 729

(B) No person, knowing that property is the proceeds of a 730
violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code involving 731
massage operations or a monetary instrument given, received, or 732
intended to be used in support of a violation of section 2905.32 733
of the Revised Code involving massage operations, shall 734
knowingly conduct or attempt to conduct any transaction 735
involving that property or knowingly transport, transmit, or 736
transfer that monetary instrument with the intent to do any of 737
the following: 738

<u>(1) Commit or further the commission of criminal activity;</u>	739
<u>(2) Conceal or disguise the nature, location, source,</u>	740
<u>ownership, or control of either the proceeds of a violation of</u>	741
<u>section 2905.32 of the Revised Code involving massage operations</u>	742
<u>or a monetary instrument given, received, or intended to be used</u>	743
<u>to support a violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code</u>	744
<u>involving massage operations;</u>	745
<u>(3) Conceal or disguise the intent to avoid the reporting</u>	746
<u>requirement under section 109.451 of the Revised Code.</u>	747
<u>(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of money</u>	748
<u>laundering through massage operations, a felony of the third</u>	749
<u>degree.</u>	750
<u>Sec. 3724.01.</u> As used in this chapter:	751
<u>(A) "Massage business" means a commercial enterprise where</u>	752
<u>a person offers massage therapy in exchange for anything of</u>	753
<u>value.</u>	754
<u>(B) "Massage therapist" means an individual licensed under</u>	755
<u>Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice massage therapy.</u>	756
<u>(C) "Massage therapy" has the same meaning as in section</u>	757
<u>4731.04 of the Revised Code.</u>	758
<u>Sec. 3724.02.</u> (A) No person shall operate a massage	759
<u>business without holding a license issued by the director of</u>	760
<u>health under this section.</u>	761
<u>(B) Every person that proposes to operate a massage</u>	762
<u>business shall apply to the director of health for a license.</u>	763
<u>Application shall be made on forms prescribed by the director,</u>	764
<u>shall include such information as the director requires, and</u>	765
<u>shall be accompanied by the license fee established by rules of</u>	766

the director of health adopted under section 3724.03 of the 767
Revised Code. The application shall include the report of each 768
criminal records check requested pursuant to division (D) of 769
this section. 770

The director shall grant a license to the applicant if the 771
applicant is in compliance with this chapter and rules adopted 772
under it. 773

(C) A license granted under this section shall be valid 774
for two years unless revoked or suspended. Application for 775
renewal of a license shall be made in the same manner as for an 776
initial license and shall be accompanied by the renewal fee 777
established by rules of the director of health adopted under 778
section 3724.03 of the Revised Code. 779

(D) Each person applying for a massage business license 780
under this section shall request that the superintendent of the 781
bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a 782
criminal records check of each owner of the massage business in 783
the same manner as a criminal records check is requested for an 784
applicant pursuant to section 3724.05 of the Revised Code. 785

Sec. 3724.03. (A) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the 786
Revised Code, the director of health shall adopt, and may amend 787
and rescind, rules that do both of the following: 788

(1) Create application procedures for massage business 789
licenses pursuant to section 3724.02; 790

(2) Establish fees for massage business licenses pursuant 791
to section 3724.02. 792

(B) The director may adopt any other rules as necessary to 793
implement this chapter, including rules consistent with section 794
9.79 of the Revised Code that specify offenses for which a 795

conviction or guilty plea require a massage business to deny 796
employment to an applicant pursuant to section 3724.05 of the 797
Revised Code. 798

Sec. 3724.04. Each massage business shall do both of the 799
following: 800

(A) Provide each employee, at the time of hire, with a 801
copy of the notices required to be posted under sections 802
4111.09, 4112.07, 4123.54, and 4123.83 of the Revised Code in 803
the employee's native language; 804

(B) Display both of the following in a publicly visible 805
location: 806

(1) The contact information for an anti-trafficking 807
hotline; 808

(2) Proof that each individual employed by the massage 809
business to perform massage therapy is licensed as a massage 810
therapist under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code. 811

Sec. 3724.05. (A) As used in this section: 812

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final 813
consideration for employment at a licensed massage business. 814

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in 815
section 109.572 of the Revised Code. 816

(B) (1) The owner of a massage business shall request that 817
the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 818
investigation conduct a criminal records check of each 819
applicant. If an applicant for whom a criminal records check 820
request is required under this division does not present proof 821
of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period 822
immediately prior to the date the criminal records check is 823

requested or provide evidence that within that five-year period 824
the superintendent has requested information about the applicant 825
from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records 826
check, the owner shall request that the superintendent obtain 827
information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of 828
the criminal records check of the applicant. Even if an 829
applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required 830
under this division presents proof of having been a resident of 831
this state for the five-year period, the owner may request that 832
the superintendent include information from the federal bureau 833
of investigation in the criminal records check. 834

(2) A person required by division (B) (1) of this section 835
to request a criminal records check shall do both of the 836
following: 837

(a) Provide to each applicant for whom a criminal records 838
check request is required under that division a copy of the form 839
prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of section 109.572 of the 840
Revised Code and a standard fingerprint impression sheet 841
prescribed pursuant to division (C) (2) of that section, and 842
obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the 843
applicant; 844

(b) Forward the completed form and impression sheet to the 845
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 846
investigation. 847

(3) An applicant provided the form and fingerprint 848
impression sheet under division (B) (2) (a) of this section who 849
fails to complete the form or provide fingerprint impressions 850
shall not be employed by the massage business. 851

(C) No massage business shall employ a person who has been 852

convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense specified by rules 853
of the director of health adopted under section 3724.03 of the 854
Revised Code. 855

(D) (1) Each massage business shall pay to the bureau of 856
criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed 857
pursuant to division (C) (3) of section 109.572 of the Revised 858
Code for each criminal records check conducted pursuant to a 859
request made under division (B) of this section. 860

(2) A massage business may charge an applicant a fee not 861
exceeding the amount the program pays under division (D) (1) of 862
this section. A massage business may collect a fee only if the 863
program notifies the person at the time of initial application 864
for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee 865
is paid, the person will not be considered for employment. 866

(E) The report of a criminal records check conducted 867
pursuant to a request made under this section is not a public 868
record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code 869
and shall not be made available to any person other than the 870
following: 871

(1) The individual who is the subject of the criminal 872
records check or the individual's representative; 873

(2) The owner of the massage business requesting the 874
criminal records check or the owner's representative; 875

(3) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary 876
individual involved in a case dealing with a denial of 877
employment of the applicant or dealing with employment or 878
unemployment benefits of the applicant; 879

(4) The director of health. 880

(F) The owner of a massage business shall inform each 881
individual, at the time of initial application, that the 882
individual is required to provide a set of fingerprint 883
impressions and that a criminal records check is required to be 884
conducted if the individual comes under final consideration for 885
employment. 886

(G) The owner of a massage business shall submit the 887
report of each criminal records check conducted pursuant to this 888
section to the director of health within ten calendar days of 889
hiring a new employee. 890

Sec. 3724.06. Each owner of a licensed massage business 891
shall do both of the following every two years: 892

(A) Request that the superintendent of the bureau of 893
criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal 894
records check on each owner of the massage business and each 895
employee of the massage business in the same manner as a 896
criminal records check is conducted for an applicant pursuant to 897
section 3724.05 of the Revised Code; 898

(B) Submit the report of each criminal records check 899
conducted pursuant to this section to the director of health. 900

Sec. 3724.07. (A) At least once annually, the director of 901
health shall inspect each licensed massage business. 902

(B) The director may at any time inspect a licensed 903
massage business to address an incident that may impact public 904
health and safety, respond to a complaint submitted to the 905
director, or otherwise ensure the massage business is in 906
compliance with this chapter and other state and federal laws. 907

(C) The director shall immediately suspend the license of 908
any massage business found to be doing any of the following: 909

(1) Employing individuals to provide massage therapy who 910
are not licensed to practice massage therapy under Chapter 4731. 911
of the Revised Code; 912

(2) Maintaining locked sleeping quarters; 913

(3) Receiving only cash payments without maintaining 914
accurate payroll records; 915

(4) Refusing inspection. 916

Sec. 3724.99. (A) Whoever knowingly violates division (A) 917
of section 3724.02 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of 918
the third degree. 919

(B) Whoever knowingly violates division (B) (1) or (2) of 920
section 3724.04 of the Revised Code, division (B) or (G) of 921
section 3724.05 of the Revised Code, or division (A) or (B) of 922
section 3724.06 of the Revised Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor 923
of the first degree. 924

Sec. 3767.10. (A) If a tenant or occupant of a building or 925
tenement, under a lawful title, uses such place for the purposes 926
of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution, such use makes void 927
the lease or other title under which ~~he~~ the tenant or occupant 928
holds, at the option of the owner, and, without any act of the 929
owner, causes the right of possession to revert and vest in such 930
owner, who may without process of law make immediate entry upon 931
the premises. 932

(B) If a building or tenement is utilized for the purposes 933
of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution on an ongoing or 934
recurrent basis, the attorney general may file an expedited 935
civil action to prohibit the operation of any business in the 936
building by a tenant or occupant who is the alleged perpetrator 937
of the lewdness, assignation, or prostitution. Where the 938

property owner knows or reasonably should have known about the 939
ongoing or recurrent lewdness, assignation, or prostitution, the 940
court shall impose civil penalties upon the building owner. The 941
court shall transmit a copy of the final order in a civil case 942
under this section against a property owner to the tax 943
commissioner. 944

(C) If the court imposes a civil penalty upon a building 945
owner under division (B) of this section, the parcel 946
encompassing the building or tenement utilized for the purposes 947
of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution shall be ineligible 948
for any real property tax reduction, credit, or exemption for 949
the tax year that includes the date of the final order and 950
either the following tax year or through the tax year that 951
includes the date that the business violating division (A) of 952
this section vacates the premises, whichever is sooner. The tax 953
commissioner shall notify the county auditor of any such 954
ineligible property. 955

Sec. 5101.87. (A) There is hereby created in the treasury 956
of state the victims of human trafficking fund consisting of 957
money seized in connection with a violation of section 2905.32, 958
2907.21, or 2907.22 of the Revised Code or acquired from the 959
sale of personal effects, tools, or other property seized 960
because the personal effects, tools, or other property were used 961
in the commission of a violation of section 2905.32, 2907.21, or 962
2907.22 of the Revised Code or derived from the proceeds of the 963
commission of a violation of section 2905.32, 2907.21, or 964
2907.22 of the Revised Code and deposited pursuant to section 965
2981.12 of the Revised Code and such other money as may be 966
appropriated or contributed to the fund. 967

(B) Money in the fund shall be used for the sole purpose 968

of treating, caring for, rehabilitating, educating, housing, and 969
providing assistance for victims of trafficking in persons, 970
including legal aid and relocation services. The office of the 971
attorney general shall administer the fund. 972

Sec. 5502.71. There is hereby created the local 973
notification of human trafficking database. The database shall 974
be operated jointly by the department of public safety and the 975
department of health. The database shall be publicly available 976
and shall contain the locations of identified human trafficking 977
organizations in the state, known names and aliases of offenders 978
convicted of or who have pleaded guilty to a violation of 979
section 2905.32 of the Revised Code, and any licenses forfeited 980
due to an offense related to human trafficking or prostitution. 981

Section 2. That existing sections 109.572, 503.41, 982
3767.10, and 5101.87 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 983

Section 3. On the effective date of this section, or as 984
soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Health shall 985
certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount 986
necessary to fund the local notification of human trafficking 987
database created in section 5502.71 of the Revised Code. The 988
amount certified is hereby appropriated to appropriation item 989
440485, Health Program Support, for fiscal year 2027. 990