ALABAMA MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 532-X-8 CRIMINAL HISTORY FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CHECK

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532-X-8-.01 Authorization For Criminal History Background Check.

1. The board is authorized to require that an applicant or licensee submit to a criminal history background check in the following circumstances:

    a. Initial licensure, renewal, or reinstatement of a massage therapist license.

    b. Initial application and renewal of a massage therapy establishment license. The requirement applies to all individuals considered applicants for establishment licenses.

    c. Upon complaint.

2. The board will conduct a state and national a criminal history background check.

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532-X-8-.02 Process For Criminal History Fingerprint Background Check.

1. Each applicant who is required to submit to a criminal history background check shall do so in the manner prescribed by the Board.

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532-X-8-.03 Processing Of Criminal History Background Checks.

1. Information received by the board pursuant to a state and national criminal history background check shall be confidential and shall not be a public record, except that any information received by and relied upon by the board in denying the issuance of a license or revoking, suspending, or otherwise disciplining a license or licensee may be disclosed as necessary to support the denial or revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action.

2. The board may deny the application of any applicant or discipline the license of any licensee who refuses to complete a criminal history background check.

3. The fees for criminal history background checks are the responsibility of the applicant.

4. If an applicant has a disability that prevents the applicant from being fingerprinted then ALEA will perform a name-based search, upon submission of all completed documents and evidence of the disability that prevents the applicant from being fingerprinted.

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