



HOUSE BILL 192: Rec. and Music Therapy Licensure.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Finance	Date:	June 21, 2017
Introduced by:	Reps. Warren, Blackwell, Corbin, Williams	Prepared by:	Jason Moran-Bates
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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 192 would amend the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Act (Chapter 90C of the General Statutes) to add provisions for licensing the practice of Music Therapy.*

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, Chapter 90C of the General Statutes regulates the licensing of recreational therapists. Music therapists are not regulated under current law.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would change the name of the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board to the "North Carolina Recreational and Music Therapy Licensure Board." It would make changes throughout Chapter 90C to conform to the new name. The PCS would add a definition of music therapy to G.S. 90C-22, add two music therapists to the Board, require the Board to license as a "Licensed Music Therapist" any individual who meets the educational, clinical training, and experience requirements set by the Board and who passes a test established by the Board or a national accrediting agency, and permit the Board to discipline individuals who practice music therapy without a license or who have a license revoked or suspended in another state. Finally, the PCS would make conforming changes throughout Chapter 90C to reflect that Board would regulate music therapists in addition to recreational therapists.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective January 1, 2018.

BACKGROUND: Music Therapy is an established health profession in which music is used within a therapeutic relationship to address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals. Currently 10 states require the registration, certification, or licensure of music therapists.

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