



HOUSE BILL 607: Massage Board Membership.

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Regulatory Reform. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 10, 2019
Introduced by:	Rep. McNeill	Prepared by:	Jason Moran-Bates
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H607-CSBCf-14		Committee Staff

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute to House Bill 607 would add a member to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy. It would also raise the fees for licensure and the maximum civil penalty the Board can levy. Finally, it would allow the Board to assess the costs of investigation and disciplinary hearings against individuals who violate the Massage and Bodywork Therapy Practice Act.*

The PCS adds Sections 2 through 4 to the original bill and makes a change to the Effective Date.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S311, as introduced by Sens. Bishop, Lowe, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

CURRENT LAW: Currently, there are seven members on the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy. The maximum fees and civil penalties are described in the Bill Analysis section below.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the PCS would increase the membership of the Board of Massage and Bodywork therapy from seven members to eight members. The new member would be an owner of a massage and bodywork therapy establishment who would be appointed by the Governor.

Section 2 of the PCS would make the following fee increases:

- Application for licensure would increase from \$20 to \$40.
- Initial license fee would increase from \$150 to \$300.
- License renewal fee would increase from \$100 to \$200.
- Late renewal penalty would increase from \$75 to \$150.
- Duplicate license fee would increase from \$25 to \$50.

Section 3 would change the education requirement for licensure from 500 in-class hours to 650 in-class hours.

Section 4 would increase the maximum civil penalty the Board could levy from \$1,000 to \$2,000. It would also permit the Board to assess investigation and disciplinary hearing costs against individuals found to be in violation of the Massage and Bodywork Therapy Practice Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective July 1, 2019.

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