



HOUSE BILL 607: Massage Board Membership.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 607 would:*

- *Adjust the current membership of the North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy (the Board) to include a licensed operator of a massage and bodywork therapy establishment.*
- *Increase the allowable fees for a license to practice massage and bodywork therapy as follows:*
 - *Application for license increased from \$20 to \$30.*
 - *Initial license fee increased from \$150 to \$200.*
 - *License renewal increased from \$100 to \$150.*
 - *Late renewal penalty increased from \$75 to \$100.*

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

CURRENT LAW: The NC Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy consists of 7 members as follows:

- 2 massage and bodywork therapists appointed by the Speaker of the House
- 2 massage and body work therapists appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- 1 massage and body work therapist appointed by the Governor
- 1 licensed physician appointed by the Governor
- 1 public member appointed by the Governor

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 would:

- Reduce the number of licensed massage and bodywork therapists on the Board from five to four by removing the Governor's appointment.
- Add a new member to the Board who is a licensed operator of a massage and bodywork therapy establishment to be appointed by the Governor.

Section 2 would make the new member appointment under Section 1 effective July 1, 2019 and expire on June 30, 2022. If at the time of the appointment, the Board has not begun to issue any establishment licenses, the appointee shall be a current owner of a massage and bodywork therapy establishment.

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Section 3 would increase 4 fees as follows: application for license increased from \$20 to \$30; initial license fee increased from \$150 to \$200; license renewal increased from \$100 to \$150; and late renewal penalty increased from \$75 to \$100.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would apply the increased fees starting July 1, 2019. The remainder of the bill would be effective when it becomes law.