



SENATE BILL 311: Massage Board Membership.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 311 would adjust the current membership of the North Carolina Massage and Bodywork Therapy Board (the Board) to include a licensed operator of a massage and bodywork therapy establishment.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H607, as introduced by Rep. McNeill, which is currently in House Finance.]

CURRENT LAW:

Currently, the Board consists of seven members as follows:

- Five licensed massage and bodywork therapists appointed by the Speaker of the House (two), President Pro Tempore of the Senate (two), and the Governor (one).
- One licensed physician or a once licensed physician whose license lapsed while in good standing and eligible for licensure, appointed by the Governor, possibly from a list provided by the North Carolina Medical Society.
- One member, appointed by the Governor, from the general public not licensed under Chapter 90 (Medicine, Allied Occupations) or the spouse of a person who is so licensed, or has any financial interest in the massage or bodywork therapy profession.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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