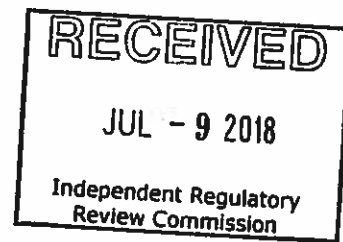


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From: Jennae Dungan
To: ST. Regulatory Counsel
Subject: Proposed Rule making - 49 PA. CODE CH. 20 Fees [48 Pa.B. 3736]
Date: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 9:23:18 AM

Good day Jacqueline,

I will be sending a letter along with this email.

I have been made aware of the proposed fee increase for license renewal.

I would like to tell you a little about myself to help you understand this email and my reasoning against this increase a bit better.

I have been a massage therapist for 8 years and ABSOLUTELY love what I do!
I love hearing how much I helped someone.

Sometimes people come see me just to release from everyday stresses, and not necessarily to get actual bodywork done. Sometimes it's more mental for them, like I'm their personal confidant.

I love being there for my clients. Being able to manipulate the muscles to give relief is an amazing feeling!
I try hard to expand my knowledge and learn new techniques to help them with their needs.

I'm lucky if I hit \$35k+ annually. And that's working close to 50 hours a week and two jobs! That \$35k pays for everyday life stuff; Including but not limited to: housing, having a family, raising children, transportation, schooling, student loans, etc.
Then massage specific supplies (also including but not limited to), lotions/creams/oils, sheets, laundry, CE classes, required certifications, work clothing, etc.

I don't get insurance (of any kind), workers comp or vacation time. I only get paid if I do a massage, as it is with most therapists. I don't get paid holidays and mostly work 6 days a week just to make what I have.

I'm explaining this bc there's no way I can afford \$200 to renew my license.
I have read the proposal and understand the board is in a deficit.

What are the expenditures that cost so much?

Why punish us massage therapists?

I can understand a \$5-\$10 increase. That seems fair. But a \$125 increase!? That's extreme. By any standards.

Please consider this proposal and think of the impact on therapists that make so little or those that are trying to accomplish their own start-ups!

It's a hard world out there. But you can help make it a little easier, at least on LMT, by not letting the renewal be increased to \$200.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my email.

Wishing you the best of the day,

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