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To whom it may concern:

I would like to place a formal complaint on the increased cost of the massage licensure. Increasing from \$75 to \$200 is unacceptable. In the rationale it stated that it costs roughly \$660,000 to run the board on a renewal year, with income from the licenses coming in at about \$670,000, and on a non-renewal year income of about \$150,000 with the expense at about \$560,000.

First, it makes no mention of the income from the fines for illegally practicing massage.

Second, why are the expenses so high on a non-renewal year?

Third, It takes a student over 5 weeks to get their license. I am an instructor at a massage school and see students who have completed everything as required have to wait to even be able to work. This is regardless as to whether it is a temporary license or permanent. When I wrote to the board several months ago about this i was notified that there are only 2 people who process the licenses. if there are only 2 people who process licenses, why are the expenses at \$560,000? I do find that having to wait 5 weeks to practice is unacceptable, as these are people who have to work when they complete their exam and have to wait over a month to begin practicing through no fault of their own. there are other states that when the prospective licensee submits all the information online they are able to print out a temporary practice permit that allows them to practice until the license comes in. Pennsylvania should also follow suit on this, even if it makes the permit good for 3 months. If there was a mistake from the student, it resets to another 5 weeks as they now go to the back of the line.

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