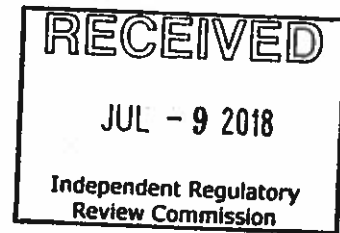


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As a licensed massage therapist I am opposed to the fee increase. Rather than increase licensing fees, the board should look for ways to decrease operating costs. As per the PA Department of State website, there were 26 citations in 2017. In 2018 there are 6 meetings scheduled. Fines assessed in 2018 total over \$77,000. That does not include revenue from licensing fees.

In March, in addition to the fine, a fee of \$40.14 is listed as the fee for investigation. I can't imagine that took much time if the cost of investigation was less than fifty dollars. I respectfully request that before the Board increases fees as a way to close a deficit, it reviews its operational budget to find ways to conduct business more economically.

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