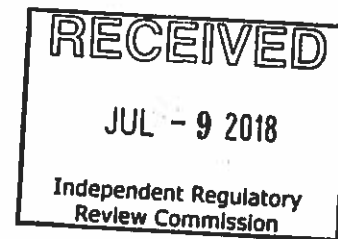


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From: Sara Gray
To: ST. Regulatory Counsel
Subject: licensing fee increase
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Hello,

I am emailing your office in reference to proposed regulation #16A-724 (IRRC #3203) for increasing massage therapy licensing fees. I believe the price raise from \$65 to \$100 for new licenses, and the raise from \$75 to \$200 for renewing licenses, is much too sudden and steep of a hike for massage therapists, especially for experienced therapists. Most therapists--especially solo practitioners--barely make over \$25,000 per year on average, and new therapists less so. Quality continuing education classes (yes, there are cheaper ones, but you truly get what you pay for) are often upwards of \$350 or more. While I understand the growing costs of administering licensure for Pennsylvania, this price hike is too much too soon. A gradual increase over the next 5 years would give more time to therapists to anticipate costs and plan accordingly. I also think the hike to \$200 for experienced, already licensed therapists unfairly targets those who continue to work in the field. A hike to \$120 or \$150 would be more reasonable for already licensed therapists.

Thanks for your time,

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