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I understand the fee for Licensure of Massage therapist will increase to \$200, That is over a 200% increase. This is particularly hard hitting for Massage Therapist who only work as a part time profession, given all the other fees, training and hoops we need to jump through.

I might feel that this would a a fair trade off if the state agency would be aggressive in policing people who are advertising massage and are not properly licensed or post ads that are suggestive. Unfortunately the state did little to restrict ads on places such as Craigslist, which were clearly questionable and forced some of these sites to close. But the state should have stepped in before the Federal Government did.

Looking on line, it looks like Nurses pay a fee of \$65 for state renewal, a profession much more highly paid than massage therapists.

If we are going to be paying more money for a license, what will be the return for the increase.?

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