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From: Kristen O'Grady
To: ST. Regulatory Counsel
Subject: Regulation #16A-724 (IRRC #3203)
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Dear Ms. Wolfgang,

I am writing to express my huge disagreement with the rate increases for PA massage therapists. The change from \$75.00 to \$200 for the biennial renewal fee is a 166% increase. That is so ridiculous it's actually embarrassing on your part.

A rate increase could potentially raise the cost for us to be close to or over \$1000 by the time we pay for our Continuing Education classes. You need to remember that we are massage therapists. Most of us do not work 40 hours a week because of the physical nature of this job. Massage therapists that work for companies like Hand and Stone, or Massage Envy are paid somewhere between \$15 and \$17 an hour. To pay a large biennial renewal fee, as well as CEU's, would be about 66 hours of our work before taxes, or an equivalent of 66 clients.

If you want to raise the biennial renewal fee, then change it to every 5 years versus every 2.

Thank you,

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