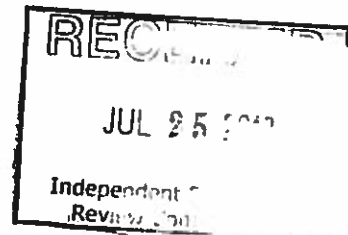


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**I am not in favor of the increase of the renewal fee increase to \$200 biannually.**

Listed are the following reasons:

The hours I put into my massage practice do not warrant this fee and all the money I put into continuing education.

I am not a doctor or in the "medical field" to get paid the amount of money that this fee warrants. \$60/per hour is the national average and when one works for someone as an independent, they establishment takes out their 40-50% of that \$60.

I don't know many massage therapists who completely earn a living doing massage without over extending themselves and then they get burned out. Massage is a tough business and one must dedicate their lives to all that encompass it if they want to "make it".

I have a husband who is the main provider in our household, some therapists have second jobs, some go to school and use massage for extra money while attending. Or, the extreme opposite example is you need to own a business yourself which absolutely consumes your life if you are on your own. No vacation time, all business...makes a person sad.

We therapists want to help people feel good and help them heal in ways that are unconventional.

Ever since licensing came in to effect, it seems we are all forced to do somethings we would prefer not to get involved with just to keep our credits up, and pay for things that we do not want or need as part of our little practices.

Why should we pay more just because the state needs more money! I still haven't received my tax return from the state from 2016! This is the only reason the state is initiating this increase. The state has no money!! Why try to get it from the little people! We don't earn enough to cover this debt and the therapists will start dropping off like flies then the state will have NO REVENUE RAISED BY OUR FEES!

Thank you for your attention to my remarks.

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