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Hello,

Massage is commonly a part time job. Those who see ten clients a day and collect all the proceeds are misrepresentative of so many therapists who have this part time job to help make ends meet.

I think increasing the renewal fee so high (by over 100%) makes this even harder on those of us who are responsible enough to earn enough of our own income.

For the therapist who is entering their first year at the proposed full relicensing fee, it hits them before they are established on their own. They work in someone else's shop and only make \$30 per massage. If the therapist is a part time person doing maybe 10 to 15 messages a week, this could be an especially big deterrent. It is too hard of a job to do more than a few a day for some of us like myself,

They have to buy liability insurance for hundreds a year.

They have to buy startup supplies: The massage table can be \$400, hundreds for a couple chairs; sheets, lotion and furnishings in the room will be hundreds more; and then there are uniforms/scrubs plus special cleaning supplies for everything.

The new therapist will probably still be paying for their schooling.

Proposal: Can you reach your goal of a \$200 licensing fee on a graduated scale over a few years so the person can work a couple years to get established?

Thank you,
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