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I do not think increasing our license renewal fee from \$75 to \$200 is fair. That is a huge increase. I could understand an extra \$25 making it \$100. We as massage therapists already don't make much money. On top of that, we have to dish out money constantly for CEU classes and CPR. Not only are we dishing out money for these classes, we also have to take time off from work to go to these classes. So we are losing money twice. Not to mention sometimes these classes cost a fortune and we get absolutely nothing out of them because of poor instructors. And if you live in a small town, local classes are extremely hard to find. Now you have to calculate travel and hotel fees.

We are not doctors, yet we are almost paying as much as doctors do for their continuing Ed's. Doctors make MUCH more money than we do. I make \$33,000 a year BEFORE taxes. That's not much. There is not much money left over after the bills are paid.

This added expense is a little ridiculous in my opinion. It's unjust and unnecessary and it's going to make a lot of therapists not renew their license because some simply cannot afford any more expenses to do this career.

Thank you,
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