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As a Licensed and successful practicing Massage Therapist in PA I believe the increase from \$75 to \$200 is way too steep for many of my fellow Massage Therapists to handle. Why has it been 7 years and now all of a sudden we are in such debt?! The increase should have been put in place gradually over the past 7 years(3 cycles). Now we have to pay the consequence for someone not seeing the numbers on the wall? I have been in practice almost 25 years and I CAN afford the increase but am not happy about it. My first 10-15 years in practice were rough and I would not have been able to afford an increase like that so I am afraid this will decrease the number of Massage Therapists applying and continuing to practice. I'm afraid this could also increase the number of Therapists practicing without a license thus putting many people in danger. Can the monies be made up in other ways? Or can there be a tier system? Say those practicing 2-5 years \$100, 6-10 years \$125, 11-15 years \$160, 16 or more years \$200? Could an extra \$10 be charged on continuing education credits courses at licensed schools in PA to go to decreasing this deficit? At least \$10 wouldn't hit so hard for some. Just some thoughts not sure if legal or even a possibility. Just trying to think outside the box. I am proud of my profession but do not want to see those who truly want to help others not be able to practice what they are passionate about nor see therapists practicing illegally or not have protection. We've worked hard to gain the integrity we now have!

Thanks for your time
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