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Re. : Regulation #16A-724 (IRRC #3203)

Massage dues increase ... outrageous!

I was ***never*** in favor of having a licensing board for massage therapy in the first place. I viewed it as a political and a monetary move and to provide a job for ambitious people. I know that because prior to becoming a law, a therapist at an AMTA meeting said to me, she was "hoping to get a job on the board"

It appears that I was not wrong. I have not seen anything change since it was created. It was supposed to "legitimize" the massage profession and "do away" with those who are actually prostituting. Well, that has not worked.

What has it done for me, nothing except to take \$75 out of my pocket? Now you want \$200? Anyone doing massage (worth their salt) knows that it is more a labor of love than to make a lot of money. We were advised of that way back in school; "don't expect to get rich". Well, I have not! I do not have enough clients to substantiate the fee now.

It is not my responsibility that the fees were not planned for accordingly. The dues should have been invested wisely to make up for the now lack of funds. Too much money was spent influencing the politicians.

So the answer to the question is no, not \$200: maybe \$100.

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