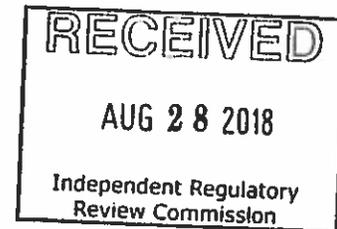


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I have been a professional massage therapist for 4 years and this will be the third time I have to renew my license in PA. A \$200 increase is extremely significant. I have a few questions I would like addressed;

Where can we see a detailed budget posted past and present?  
Will this increase in funds be used to update all licensing system and board related technology? Can this update include easy ways to participate remotely in board meetings via Skype or other ways to keep things transparent? The increase your imposing on us is higher than New York and Florida licensing. Why?

Why is the controlling massage board of PA. in so much debt? What are we paying for besides a piece of paper every two years? Are we paying for industry law enforcement or policing of any kind? Do other industries have to pay extra to State for policing? Are board members paid? Are the board members LMTs advocating for us or are we paying lawyers and professional government employees? How much? Is there an easy place to find all this information online? Increasing our fees requires absolute transparency to the professionals you are serving.

Between the CEC classes required, insurance fees and now this licensing increase I have to pay \$1,000 for the privilege of being a massage therapist in Pennsylvania. If CE classes are required including CPR, then more free options or inexpensive group rates should be offered via the State board to ease the cost where classes required. Not offering affordable CEUs makes the whole licensing thing seem like a racket where a board can decide what classes are accepted and teachers gets cash in every 2 years when LMTs are complying with licensing rules.

I will be sharing this letter with several massage groups online, and I will share your responses with group.

Thank you for your time ~ Kim Traub, LMT