

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 192 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Rec. and Music Therapy Licensure.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Warren, Blackwell, Corbin, and Williams

FISCAL IMPACT					
(\$ in millions)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available					
	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Local Impact					
Revenues:	**See Assumptions and Methodology**				
Expenditures:					
NET LOCAL IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective January 1, 2018.					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:					
None					

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 192 would amend the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Act to add provisions for licensing the practice of music therapy. The Bill makes the following changes.

- Changes the name of the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board to the "North Carolina Recreational and Music Therapy Licensure Board" and makes changes throughout Chapter 90C to conform to the new name.
- Adds a definition of music therapy.
- Adds two music therapists to the Board.

- Requires the Board to license as a "Licensed Music Therapist" any individual who meets the educational, clinical training, and experience requirements set by the Board and who passes a test established by the Board or a national accrediting agency.
- Permits the Board to discipline individuals who practice music therapy without a license or who have a license revoked or suspended in another state.
- Makes conforming changes throughout Chapter 90C to reflect that Board would regulate music therapists in addition to recreational therapists.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

House Bill 192 would add Music Therapists to the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board, changing the name to the North Carolina Recreational and Music Therapy Licensure Board. This would increase the number of licensees the Board may collect fees from.

The Board shall establish the amount of fees as defined by rule not to exceed the following amounts:

Fee	Amount
Initial application for licensure fee	\$200.00
Licensure renewal fee	\$200.00
Record maintenance fee	\$100.00
Inactive fee	\$50.00

The Record Maintenance Fee of \$100.00 and Licensure Renewal Fee of \$200.00 are due offsetting years. Those amounts are the fee caps, and then North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board states they currently have both amounts set at \$75.00 to combat the complexity of alternating fees.

The North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board estimates approximately 175 new licensees due to H192. The below table assumes those 175 licensees apply for licensure in FY2017-18, with 5% growth in the number of licensees per year.

North Carolina Recreational and Music Therapy Licensure Board Estimated New Revenue at Fee Caps	
Fiscal Year	Estimated New Revenue
FY2017-18	\$35,000
FY2018-19	\$19,250
FY2019-20	\$37,625
FY2020-21	\$21,875
FY2021-22	\$40,250

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board, Moody’s Analytics

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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