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Short Title: Massage Board Membership.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MASSAGE AND BODYWORK  
3 THERAPY BOARD AND TO INCREASE FEES FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE  
4 MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-625(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 90-625. North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy.**

8 "(a) The North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy is created. The Board  
9 shall consist of seven members who are residents of this State and are as follows:

10 (1) ~~Five~~Four members shall be massage and bodywork therapists who have been  
11 licensed under this Article and have been in the practice of massage and  
12 bodywork therapy for at least five of the last seven years prior to their serving  
13 on the Board. Consideration shall be given to geographical distribution,  
14 practice setting, clinical specialty, involvement in massage and bodywork  
15 therapy education, and other factors that will promote diversity of the  
16 profession on the Board. Two of the ~~five~~four members shall be appointed by  
17 the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House  
18 of Representatives, two shall be appointed by the General Assembly, upon the  
19 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the ~~Senate, and one shall be~~  
20 ~~appointed by the Governor.~~Senate.

21 (2) One member shall be a physician licensed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 90  
22 of the General Statutes or a person once licensed as a physician whose license  
23 lapsed while the person was in good standing with the profession and eligible  
24 for licensure. The appointment shall be made by the Governor and may be  
25 made from a list provided by the North Carolina Medical Society.

26 (3) One member shall be a member of the general public who shall not be licensed  
27 under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or the spouse of a person who is so  
28 licensed, or have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the profession  
29 regulated under this Article. The appointment shall be made by the Governor.

30 (4) One member shall be an individual who is currently licensed to operate a  
31 massage and bodywork therapy establishment under this Article. The  
32 appointment shall be made by the Governor."

33 **SECTION 2.** The initial term of office for the member to be appointed by the  
34 Governor under G.S. 90-625(a)(4), as enacted by Section 1 of this act, shall begin on July 1,



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2019, and shall expire on June 30, 2022. If at the time of the appointment, the Board has not begun to issue any licenses to operate a massage and bodywork therapy establishment, the appointee shall be a current owner of a massage and bodywork therapy establishment.

SECTION 3. G.S. 90-628 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-628. Expenses and fees.

(a) All salaries, compensation, and expenses incurred or allowed for the purposes of this Article shall be paid by the Board exclusively out of the fees received by the Board as authorized by this Article or from funds received from other sources. In no case shall any salary, expense, or other obligations of the Board be charged against the General Fund.

(b) The Board may impose the following fees up to the amounts listed below for a license to practice massage and bodywork therapy:

- (1) Application for license .....~~\$20.00~~\$30.00
- (2) Initial license fee .....~~150.00~~200.00
- (3) License renewal.....~~100.00~~150.00
- (4) Late renewal penalty .....~~75.00~~100.00
- (5) Repealed by Session Laws 2008-224, s. 8, effective August 17, 2008.
- (6) Duplicate license .....25.00
- (7) Repealed by Session Laws 2008-224, s. 8, effective August 17, 2008."

SECTION 4. Section 3 of this act is effective July 1, 2019. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.