

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Current Licensed Massage Therapists

FROM: Linda Lyter  
Executive Director

DATE: June 27 & 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Legislative Rules RE: SB 665  
Increase in Program Hours & Application for Establishment  
Licensure

This memo is to inform you of SB 665 that was passed by the WV Legislature during the 2023 Legislative Session. This legislative bill has increased our massage therapy program hours from 500 to 625 hours, it allows for the licensing of massage therapy establishments and has amended some outdated language.

The fees for the initial two-year license and two-year renewal license will be \$100.00 for the new establishment license requirement. A copy of the bill and all of the the rules Series 1- General Provisions, Series 4 - Schedule of Fees and the new Series 7 Establishment Licensure are posted on the website [www.wvmassage.org](http://www.wvmassage.org) for your convenience.

There is a thirty (30) day comment period for licensees to respond with any comments or concerns. The comment period begins on June 27, and will end at midnight on July 27, 2023 for Series 1 General Provisions and begins June 28 and will end at 11:00 a.m. on July 28, 2023 for Series 4 Schedule of Fees (updated for inclusion of establishment license fees) and Series 7 Establishment Licensure. Please submit any comments in writing to the board no later than these dates.

Sincerely

Linda Lyter