



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1558

PRINTERS NO. 2095

PRIME SPONSOR: O'Neill

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Amends the Cosmetology Law to allow massage therapists to practice in cosmetology salons. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Cosmetology Law (Act 86 of 1933) to add a new Section 9.3 to allow massage therapists to practice massage therapy within a cosmetology salon under the following conditions:

- The massage therapist must be an employee of the salon.
- No physical barriers separating the areas used for massage therapy from the areas used for cosmetology or esthetics shall be required when a massage therapist performs only the massage services that cosmetologists or estheticians are authorized to perform (scalp, face, arms, legs up to the knee and upper part of the body).
- Separate massage therapy rooms with permanent walls and doors to ensure privacy shall be required for full massage therapy services.
- Esthetician services may be provided to clients while in the massage therapy room provided they are not performed concurrently with massage therapy.
- Salons employing massage therapists shall be subject to inspection by both the Cosmetology Board and the Massage Therapy Board.
- The Cosmetology Board and the Massage Therapy Board shall jointly promulgate regulations to implement these provisions within 18 months of the effective date of this section.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Department of State, there would be additional duties and corresponding costs placed on the State Board of Massage Therapy in that the inspections of the salons would now have to include areas where massage therapy is performed. Current inspectors would need additional training for inspecting a salon that offers massage therapy. It is expected that the State Board of Massage Therapy would have to share in the inspection-related costs when a salon includes massage therapy services.

According to the Department of State, the State Board of Massage Therapy could encounter new inspection costs of between \$86,000 and \$172,000 annually. Within Pennsylvania, there are 15,772 cosmetology and esthetician salons currently licensed in the state. Assuming that half of the salons started to employ massage therapists within their establishment, this would be the equivalent of 7,886 facilities. The inspection of the massage therapy area may add approximately 30 minutes to the traditional inspection of the facility. According to the Department, it would not be unreasonable to inspect a large percentage of the referenced facilities within one year, with the goal to reach all facilities within a biennial cycle. The Department is expected to increase the biennial registration fee on massage therapists to offset the increased expenses.

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