

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 687
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
Author:	Rep. Derby
Date:	3/17/2016
Impact:	Establishes license fee of \$50.00, renewal fee of \$10.00, a duplicate license fee of \$10.00, and a misdemeanor for certain violations

Research Analysis

SB 687 creates the Massage Therapy Practice Act. The measure requires a massage therapist to be licensed by the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering. An applicant would have to be at least 18 years of age, pass an examination, carry liability insurance, and disclose to the board any criminal proceedings involving a guilty or no-contest plea or a conviction of a felony, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or a violation of controlled dangerous substance laws. The board is also authorized to adopt additional standards or criteria to determine the applicant's competence. Anyone using a professional title designated by the Act without authorization would be subject to disciplinary action by the board.

The measure requires massage therapy schools to be licensed by the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools (OBPVS). The Massage Therapy Practice Act would supersede any ordinance of a political subdivision regulating massage therapists.

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Fiscal Analysis

The ENGR version of SB 687 establishes an initial license fee and renewal fee for massage therapy licenses at \$50.00/year. This bill also sets a temporary fee of \$25.00 for the interim between the bill's passage and effective date. The bill establishes a duplicate license fee of \$10.00. These fees will be paid to the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering (non-appropriated). The total amount of revenue from these fees is contingent upon how many massage therapists are in Oklahoma.

SB 687 also establishes a misdemeanor for violations of certain provisions.

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Other Considerations

None.