

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 693
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Author:	Representative Jordan
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Impact:	Potential Increased Fee Revenue

Research Analysis

The bill pertains to the Massage Therapy Licensing Act. It defines the terms *massage therapy establishment* and *person*, and it specifies which crimes disqualify a person from practicing or operating, maintaining, or managing an establishment. It provides for licensure by reciprocity and includes a \$30 processing fee. It specifies a massage therapist and establishment license must be renewed annually. It permits the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering to assess an administrative fee of no more \$50 for violations of the act, and it gives the Board the authority to issue field citations. It specifies that a person who advertises or offers massage therapy services in any combination with an escort or dating services will be guilty of a misdemeanor upon conviction. Lastly, it allows the Board to take action against any unlicensed person that engages in any acts or practices which violate the act, including up to a \$500 fine.

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Fiscal Analysis

Per the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, the agency did not begin regulating the massage therapy industry until January of this year. Between January and the end of March, 2017, the agency received 1,200 applications, 900 of which were approved and 300 denied for various reasons. Applications that were approved would fall under the \$25 biannual license; applicants after the passage of the measure will fall under the \$50 annual license. Due to a lack of historical applicant data, the agency is uncertain exactly how many individuals will apply after the measure is implemented, but is currently estimated around 2,000 annually. Once the existing biannual licenses become annual licenses, this would represent a minimum of \$100,000 in annual license fee revenue.

The measure also makes provision for a \$30 annual establishment license fee, but the agency does not currently know how many establishments would require the license. The agency will be able to provide more accurate estimates of revenue after one year.

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Other Considerations

None.

