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Bill Analysis

SB 750 transfers the regulatory and oversight responsibilities of the Massage Therapy Practice Act from the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering to the Board of Dentistry and creates the Massage Therapy Practice Act Revolving Fund for the Board. The measure also modifies the entities not required to possess a license per the Act by requiring visiting instructors to not receive compensation other than directly from the school for instruction services and adds providers who refer persons to duly licensed massage therapists. Full-time employees of a professional sports organization or an athletic department of a college or university are also exempted from licensure requirements.

The measure provides for issued licenses to expire after 1 year of issuance and to be automatically renewed after 3 months provided the applicant pays a late fee in the same amount of the license in addition to the annual fee. Therapists must reapply and retest as a new applicant unless they have held a valid license during this time in another state if they held the license for a period of 5 years. Beginning January 1, 2022, each massage therapy practice shall be required to designate an entity who shall be licensed by the Board. Additionally, the measure requires all licensed therapists to have a valid picture identification available for inspection on request and establishes a new fee structure.

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