

Legislative Director's Report

Keeping our TMTA members up to date on any Legislative happenings in Tennessee ...

Priority News:

Legislative staff is keeping an eye on a proposed bill (SB 1943 / HB 2005) which would grant a temporary LMT license to applicants applying for licensure in TN who are currently licensed in another state.

Statistical report: (as of February 9th, 2022)

<u>Therapists:</u>		<u>Establishments:</u>	
Active Licensees	4514	Active Licensees	1577

Office of General Counsel (OGC):

The TN MLB welcomed the new board attorney - Ms. Jessica L. Turner.

Litigation:

The OGC currently has about 90 open cases to the Massage Licensure Board.

Rulemaking:

The rulemaking to increase fees is moving forward internally in TDH, and at this time it is expected the rule making hearing will occur at the May 2022 meeting. The reciprocity licensure rule revisions are in the drafting stages.

Legislation:

Nothing to report.

General Information:

The TN MLB welcomed a new member - Ms. Emily Newberry from Dickson, TN.

For Your Information:

The Board's internet website is an excellent location to place valuable board information for licensees and applicants. In the months of November 2021 through January 2022, 324 licensees renewed their licenses via the website for a usage rate of 76%.

A reminder for therapists - licensure renewals can be done online by visiting the board's website at <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/ml-board/ml-board/licensure.html>

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TN massage board will take place on May 9th & 10th, 2022 at 9am at 665 Mainstream Drive in Nashville, TN. If you are unable to make it there in person, you are now able to watch it via livestreaming. And here's how ... click on the link <https://www.tn.gov/health/calendar.massage-licensure.html>, then choose "VIEW EVENT", then click on "ATTACHMENT" it will take you to the sunshine notice of the meeting - choose the "LINK TO

LIVE STREAM” for the day you are wanting to watch. Or you can visit our TMTA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TMTA-122407286744725>) and the link will be posted there also.

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