

# Legislative Director's Report

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

## Priority News:

**The Rule packet for the TN Massage Licensure Board fee increase has been WITHDRAWN! What that means ... there is NO pending fee increase for LMTs or Establishments!!!**

## Statistical report: (as of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)

<u>Therapists:</u>		<u>Establishments:</u>	
Active Licensees	4564	Active Licensees	1601

## Office of General Counsel (OGC):

### Litigation:

The OGC currently has about 60 open cases to the Massage Licensure Board.

### Rulemaking:

The rulemaking to increase fees was withdrawn after internal consultation in TDH regarding the current fiscal status of the Board being significantly different than the fiscal status at the time the increase in fees was requested.

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 February 2022 through April 2022, 365 licensees renewed their licenses via the website for a usage rate of 77% and 12 establishments renewed online for a usage rate of 11%.

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 August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 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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