

# Legislative Director's Report

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

## Priority News:

### **Public Chapter 616 (SB 1763 / HB 1817) by Roberts / Ragan**

Re: Tennessee Massage Licensure Board Sunset. This public chapter extends the Tennessee Massage Licensure Board to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2028.

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0616.pdf>

### **Public Chapter 774 (SB 1943 / HB 2005) by Lundberg / Crawford**

Re: Massage Therapy Temporary License. This public chapter authorizes the Board of Massage Therapists to grant a temporary license to a person who has been licensed, registered, or certified, in good standing, in another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia that meets all requirements for reciprocity, but which does not require successful passage of a competency examination approved by the board. An individual granted a temporary license pursuant to this public chapter may work if the person is supervised at all times by a licensed individual. This public chapter specifies the requirements to obtain licensure through reciprocity to an individual with a temporary license. The temporary license issued under this public chapter is effective for six months after the date of issuance, and this public chapter authorizes the person to apply for an additional six-month extension of the temporary license under certain circumstances.

For rule-making purposes, effective as of April 8, 2022. For all other purposes, effective July 1, 2022.

**ACTION ITEM: Board of Massage rule-making.**

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0774.pdf>

## Statistical report: (as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022)

Therapists:

Active Licensees

4532

Establishments:

Active Licensees

1598

## Office of General Counsel (OGC):

Litigation:

The OGC currently has about 80 open cases to the Massage Licensure Board.

Rulemaking:

The reciprocity licensure rule revisions are in the drafting stages.

Legislation:

Nothing to report.

## General Information:

After 12 years with the TN Massage Licensure Board Administrative staff, Ms. Kimberly Hodge is leaving the Health-Related boards office. I, for one, am going to miss Kimberly tremendously, but wish her nothing but the best in her new position!

FYI: The TN MLB Administrative staff is down to two people - Ms. Noranda and Ms. DaVita, so please be patient when contacting them. If you need to contact the administrative staff, the best way (and the requested way) to reach them is via email at [massage.health@tn.gov](mailto:massage.health@tn.gov).

### 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 May 2022 through July 2022, 594 licensees renewed their licenses via the website for a usage rate of 74% and 11 establishments renewed online for a usage rate of 8%.

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 November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<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.



TMTA

*Lori Schrader*

Lori Schrader, LMT  
TMTA Legislative Director  
[legislative@tmtanews.org](mailto:legislative@tmtanews.org)

Tennessee Massage Therapy Association