## TITLE 847 STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

## **Notice of Public Hearing**

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## Notice of Public Hearing

Under <u>IC 4-22-2-24</u>, notice is hereby given that on November 14, 2008, at 11:15 a.m., at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, Room W064, Indianapolis, Indiana, the State Board of Massage Therapy will hold a public hearing to establish fees for examination, certification applications, renewal of certifications, and other services.

IC 25-21.8-3-1 (P.L.200-2007) and IC 25-1-8-2 mandate the Board to promulgate rules to establish and collect fees for certification, renewal, and other application related services. The proposed rule will impose costs on small businesses under IC 4-22-2.1-5. The Board is charged with the duty of certifying individuals to practice and with the duty of imposing discipline upon those certificate holders who violate the statutes and rules of the Board. While the fees will generate revenue for the state to operate the Board and provide related services, the impact on small businesses will not be substantial. The initial application fee is \$100 per person, which will be paid by individual applicants for certification. It is possible that an employer would pay this fee on behalf of the employee. The certificates will be renewed at a cost of \$150 per certificate holder every four years. This amounts to \$37.50 per year in order to maintain the certification. The Board considered data obtained from IPLA for the cost of the operation of the Board. The Board also considered data gathered from the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), the American Medical Massage Association (AMMA), and the Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP), as well as the massage therapy regulatory bodies in the states of Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee.

Copies of these rules are now on file at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072 and Legislative Services Agency, One North Capitol, Suite 325, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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