



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>15-3596/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-0870</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Supplemental</b>
<b>Description</b> Scope of practice of massage therapists and bodywork therapists, the unauthorized practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy, granting rule-making authority, and providing a criminal penalty					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would expand the scope of practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy to include the following: (a) the application of structural and elastic supportive tape to the skin; (b) the application of body wraps and scrubs; (c) active and passive stretching; (d) moving a body part through an assisted range of motion; and (e) instruction of self-application of manual actions and adjunctive therapies outside of the treatment setting. In addition, a massage therapy or bodywork therapy extern or intern who practices massage therapy or bodywork therapy under the supervision of a licensed massage therapist or bodywork therapist would not be required to hold a license. In addition, the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board would be required to promulgate rules defining massage therapy or bodywork therapy interns and externs, and establishing conditions for the practice of these individuals. Finally, the bill would create penalties of a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to 90 days or both for individuals who practice massage or bodywork therapy without a license or misrepresent themselves as having required credentials. (Currently, a maximum forfeiture penalty of \$1,000 applies to all violations of Chapter 460.)

The bill would likely have a minimal effect on licensing fee revenue collected by the Department of Safety and Professional Service. The change in the number of credentialed professionals cannot be estimated. The agency might incur additional staff time costs to develop and update administrative rules relating to conditions of practice for massage therapy and bodywork therapy externs and interns, which the agency might absorb by reallocating staff time.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications