

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original Updated Corrected

2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

MTBT 7

3. Subject

Continuing education

4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

20.165(1)(hg)

6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs
 Indeterminate Decrease Existing Revenues Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget
 Decrease Cost

7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy Specific Businesses/Sectors
 Local Government Units Public Utility Rate Payers
 Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)

8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes No

9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

Chapter MTBT 7 contains the continuing education requirements for renewal of a license in massage therapy or bodywork therapy. Section MTBT 7.02 (3) provides continuing education must be completed "within 2 calendar years immediately preceding the calendar year for which application for renewal is made." This language is unclear, which has led to difficulty in complying with and administering the continuing education requirement. The proposed rules clarify the requirement by providing continuing education must be completed during the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal date under s. 440.08 (2) (a) 46r., Stats.

10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

The proposed rule was posted on the Department of Safety and Professional Services' website for 14 days in order to solicit comments from businesses, representative associations, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the rule. No comments were received.

11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

No local governmental units participated in the development of this EIA.

12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

This proposed rule will not have a significant impact on specific businesses, business sectors, public utility rate payers, local governmental units, or the state's economy as a whole.

13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

The benefit to implementing the rule is providing clarity to the continuing education requirements under ch. MTBT 7. If the rule is not implemented, the continuing education requirements will remain unclear.

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implication of implementing the rule is clarity and less difficulty in complying with and administering the continuing education requirements under ch. MTBT 7.

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15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government
None

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Illinois:

Rules of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) specify continuing education requirements for persons licensed to practice massage therapy in the state of Illinois (68 Ill. Adm. Code 1284.90). Twenty four hours of continuing education, including at least 2 hours of ethics, must be completed during the 24 months preceding the expiration date of a license (all massage therapy licenses expire on December 31 of each even-numbered year).

Iowa:

Rules of the Iowa Board of Massage Therapy specify continuing education requirements for persons licensed to practice massage therapy in the state of Iowa (645 IAC 133). A minimum of 16 hours of continuing education must be completed each biennium. A biennium is a 2-year period beginning with the date the license was granted.

Michigan:

Rules of the Michigan Board of Massage specify continuing education requirements for persons licensed to practice massage therapy in the state of Michigan (Mich Admin Code, R 338.731 and R 338.733). An applicant for license renewal who has been licensed for the 3-year period immediately preceding the expiration date of the license shall accumulate not less than 18 hours of continuing education, including at least 1 hour in the area of pain and symptom management and 2 hours in the area of professional ethics or boundaries, during the 3 years immediately preceding the application for renewal.

Minnesota:

The Minnesota Department of Health's Office of Unlicensed Complementary and Alternative Health Care Practice (OCAP) investigates complaints and takes enforcement actions against massage therapists for violations of prohibited conduct. However, neither OCAP nor any other statewide agency or board oversees the licensing of massage therapists. Licensing requirements, if any, for massage therapists are established by the county or city in which the massage therapist practices.

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