

Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

- 1. Bill Number:** SB 878
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| House of Origin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed |
| Second House | <input type="checkbox"/> In Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled |
- 2. Patron:** Martin, Stephen H.
- 3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology
- 4. Title:** Massage Therapy, Advisory Board on; created
- 5. Summary/Purpose:** Creates the Advisory Board on Massage Therapy to assist the Board of Nursing in carrying out the provisions regarding the qualifications, examination, registration, regulation, and standards of professional conduct of massage therapists.
- 6. Fiscal impact is minimal**
- 7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.
- 8. Fiscal implications:** The estimated cost of creating an advisory board on massage therapy would be similar to those for advisory boards under the Board of Medicine. For a five-member board, the cost would be approximately \$1,000 per meeting for a maximum of \$4,000 annually. Meetings will be scheduled quarterly but will not be convened unless there is business to conduct. It is anticipated that expenses associated with a new advisory board can be absorbed in the budget for the Board of Nursing from fees collected from massage therapist certification.
- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**
Department of Health Professions
- 10. Technical amendment necessary:** No
- 11. Other comments:** None

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