

These are the additional comments expressed by Charlie Behm, AMTA NJ Government Relation Chair, at the January 26, 2011 informal input hearing.

1) In Section 13:37A 2.4 A

We would appreciate consideration in removing First Aid as part of the CPR renewal requirement every 2 years.

As First Aid is not a requirement for massage therapy in other states, this seems inappropriate for renewal. Requiring both First Aid and CPR for our initial License application seems sufficient to address some basic knowledge and competency with First Aid application.

2) We are interested in having the Sales Tax for Massage and Bodywork be withdrawn.

- The request is based upon the fact that within NJ Senate Bill 680, Massage Therapy remains under the imposition of sales and use taxation. In NJ, Massage Therapy State Legislature passed a Massage Therapy Licensure Act. Thus, Massage Therapy is the only State Licensed Health Profession being subjected to this sales service and use imposition taxation. Isolating one group of health professionals is unfair and inappropriate.
- Licensed Massage Therapy is not a profession that is required to be prescribed by physicians. Thus, taxation relief for massage therapy pursuant to physician's prescription is discriminatory to all massage therapy offered under other settings; examples being; massage clinics, massage business locations, massage private practice, all of which is under the defined scope of practice within the NJ Massage Therapy and Bodywork Licensing Act.