

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 799 (First Edition) Physical Therapy Fees

SHORT TITLE: Physical Therapy Fees

SPONSOR(S): Senator Kerr

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>
REVENUES					
Bd. Operating Fund*	\$148,509	\$155,668	\$163,185	\$171,079	\$179,367
* Board proposed rate, not statutory maximum					
EXPENDITURES		To be determined by the Board.			
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:		North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners			
EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when it becomes law.					

BILL SUMMARY: The bill increases the maximum fee amounts that can be charged by the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners' statutory fee structure has not changed since 1985. The Board is now charging the highest fees allowed by statute. SB 799 increases the maximum statutory fees, but the Board plans to gradually increase fees to the statutory maximum. The chart on page two of this fiscal note shows the fee amounts and revenue from the current Board fees, the fees proposed by the Board if the law is enacted, and the maximum fees allowed by SB 799. Based on 1998 licenses, the Board would earn an additional \$156,330 a year on the fees it intends to charge in the year 2000. If the Board charged the maximum fees allowed, it would earn an additional \$807,310 a year.

	<u>1998</u> <u>Applicants</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Board</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Revenues</u>	<u>Board</u> <u>Proposed</u> <u>Fee In</u> <u>99-00</u>	<u>Board</u> <u>Revenue</u> <u>In</u> <u>99-00</u>	<u>SB 799</u> <u>Maximum</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>SB 799</u> <u>Maximum</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Application Fees	992	\$100	\$99,200	\$120	\$119,040	\$200	\$198,400
License Renewal	5,877	\$40	\$235,080	\$60	\$352,620	\$150	\$881,550
Transfer/ Verify/ Replace Certificate	976	\$15	\$14,640	\$25	\$24,400	\$45	\$43,920
Exam Retake	146	\$30	\$4,380	\$50	\$7,300	\$100	\$14,600
Late Renewal	0	\$20	0	\$20	0	\$20	0
Licensure Revival	54	\$25	\$1,350	\$35	\$1,890	\$75	\$4,050
Directory	41	\$5	\$205	\$15	\$615	\$25	\$1,025
License Lists							
- Labels	38	\$60	\$2,280	\$150	\$5,700	\$250	\$9,500
- Computer Diskette*	38	\$150	<u>\$5,700</u>	\$200	<u>\$7,600</u>	\$450	<u>\$17,100</u>
			\$362,835		\$519,165		\$1,170,145

* No statutory authority for diskette sale

The Board of Physical Therapy Examiners projects a 5% annual growth rate for all the above categories except license lists. This 5% growth rate was applied to the base year 1998 and used to increase each category annually until 2004. (see chart below) Instead of the maximum allowed by SB 799, this fiscal note assumes the Board recommended rates until the year 2005.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Application Fees	992	1042	1094	1148	1206	1266	1329
License Renewal	5877	6171	6479	6803	7144	7501	7876
Transfer	976	1025	1076	1130	1186	1246	1308
Exam Retake	146	153	161	169	177	186	196
Late Renewal	0						
Licensure Revival	54	57	60	63	66	69	72
Directory	41	43	45	47	50	52	55
License Lists	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
	8,162	8,566	8,991	9,437	9,905	10,396	10,912

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