Report From Agency

STATE OF WISCONSIN MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING:

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

MASSAGE THERAPY AND : CR 24-054

BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED:

CREDENTIALING BOARD :

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

The proposed rule revises chapter MTBT 6 to align with current practice in the profession in the area of temporary licensure. This was achieved through amending temporary licensure requirements relating to the examination under s. 460.06, Stats., to cover the typical pathway of an applicant more accurately as they move from temporary to permanent licensure. These changes include amendments to MTBT 6.02 (1) and (3) regarding the exam and the ability of a licensee to receive more than one temporary license when a substantial change in circumstances occurs. These updates shift the focus of the temporary license to allow for an applicant to practice while they are waiting to take their examination under s. 460.06, Stats., as opposed to centering applicants who have already taken the exam and whether or not they have failed it. Other amendments include creating a provision under MTBT 6.02 (6) that allows the board to review and take action on any temporary licensee who fails the required examination under s. 460.06, Stats if necessary.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board held a public hearing August 19, 2024. No comments were received.

Pursuant to s. 15.085 (5) (b), Stats., the Medical Examining Board reviewed the proposed rule and made the following comment:

"MTBT 6.02 (3) (b) should be amended to read 'No person shall be issued more than one temporary license'."

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS: N/A