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SENATE BILL DRS45131-NB-28

Short Title: Massage Board Membership. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bishop and Lowe (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY BOARD TO
3 INCLUDE AN ESTABLISHMENT OWNER.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-625(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) The North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy is created. The Board
7 shall consist of ~~seven~~ eight members who are residents of this State and are as follows:

8 (1) Five members shall be massage and bodywork therapists who have been
9 licensed under this Article and have been in the practice of massage and
10 bodywork therapy for at least five of the last seven years prior to their serving
11 on the Board. Consideration shall be given to geographical distribution,
12 practice setting, clinical specialty, involvement in massage and bodywork
13 therapy education, and other factors that will promote diversity of the
14 profession on the Board. Two of the five members shall be appointed by the
15 General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives, two shall be appointed by the General Assembly, upon the
17 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one shall be
18 appointed by the Governor.

19 (2) One member shall be a physician licensed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 90
20 of the General Statutes or a person once licensed as a physician whose license
21 lapsed while the person was in good standing with the profession and eligible
22 for licensure. The appointment shall be made by the Governor and may be
23 made from a list provided by the North Carolina Medical Society.

24 (3) One member shall be a member of the general public who shall not be licensed
25 under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or the spouse of a person who is so
26 licensed, or have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the profession
27 regulated under this Article. The appointment shall be made by the Governor.

28 (4) One member shall be an individual who is currently licensed to operate a
29 massage and bodywork therapy establishment under this Article, or a current
30 owner of a massage or bodywork therapy establishment, if the Board has not
31 begun to issue any licenses to operate a massage and bodywork therapy
32 establishment. The appointment shall be made by the Governor."

33 **SECTION 2.** As enacted by Section 1 of this act, the initial term of office for the
34 member who is currently licensed to operate a massage and bodywork therapy establishment
35 under this Article and appointed by the Governor shall begin on July 1, 2019, and shall expire on
36 June 30, 2022. Consistent with G.S. 90-625(c), subsequent appointees to these positions shall be



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- 1 appointed for a term of three years, but notwithstanding the appointment for a term of three years,
2 the member shall serve at the will of the appointing authority.
3 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.