

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB2448 ER

Patron: Glass

Bill Title: Interstate Massage Compact; authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to Compact.

Bill Summary: Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Interstate Massage Compact. The Compact permits eligible licensed massage therapists to practice in Compact member states, provided that they meet certain requirements. The Compact takes effect when enacted by a seventh member state. Currently, two states have enacted the Compact.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Explanation: Any fiscal impacts are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources. This bill does not require that language updates be made to the proposed Appropriation Act.

Fiscal Summary: Any fiscal impacts are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: The Interstate Massage Compact allows eligible licensed massage therapists to practice in other compact member states provided that they meet and maintain eligibility requirements, including a background check. The Board of Nursing is responsible for the licensing of eligible massage therapists in the Commonwealth. The Compact proposes multiple requirements for member states that extend beyond the current operations of the Board of Nursing, including the following:

- Implementing procedures requiring the background check of each applicant for a multistate license
- Participating in the Compact's data system
- Communicating with the Interstate Massage Compact Commission and all Compact member states regarding disciplinary actions or investigations taken against licensed compact members
- Participating in joint investigations against licensed compact members, as deemed necessary

The Department of Health Professions reports that the additional responsibilities attributed to the Board resulting from Compact membership can be absorbed as part of existing resources. The Virginia State Police handles background check processes for individuals throughout the Commonwealth and accordingly will be responsible for background checks for licensed compact members; it is expected that the increase in workload associated with evaluating applicants can be handled with existing resources.

Other: n/a