

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2080 – SB 2466

February 20, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates a voluntary certification process for persons who obtain at least 50 hours of training and pass an exam in order to use the title “certified animal massage therapist.” Requires any person practicing animal massage therapy to file a \$25,000 surety bond with the Department of Health (DOH).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$10,000/Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Other Fiscal Impact – Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners had an annual surplus of \$194,877 in FY15-16, an annual surplus of \$91,797 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$659,671 on June 30, 2017.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013322):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a voluntary certification or registration process for persons who obtain at least 50 hours of training, complete at least 50 hours of supervised in–class hands-on work, pass an exam, and post a \$25,000 surety bond in order to use the title “certified animal massage therapist” or “registered animal massage therapist”.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact on any state department as no department is tasked with creating the certification or registration process.

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**IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation does not prohibit any person from rendering or offering to render animal massage therapy services. Animal massage therapy does not include the diagnosis, treatment, correction, alleviation, or prevention of any animal disease, illness, pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental condition, or otherwise constitute the practice of veterinary medicine.
- Allowing an individual to voluntarily certify or register to use the title of “certified animal massage therapist” or “registered animal massage therapist” will not have a significant impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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