

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 4/18/95

**Reference No.:** CB-9-1995

**Proposer:** MacKinnon

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** MacKinnon

**Item Title:** To provide for the issuance of provisional licenses  
for massage therapists under certain conditions

**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** JoAnne Brown

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 3/7/95

**Executive Action:** 5/19/95 S

**Committee Referral:**(1) 3/7/95 HEHS

**Effective Date:** 7/5/95

**Committee Action:**(1) 3/29/95 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 4/18/95

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 5/9/95 1:30 PM

**Council Action:** (1) 5/9/95 Enacted

**Council Votes:** MC: A, B: A, D: A, E: A, G: A, M: A, R: A, S: A, W: A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:**

HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COM.

DATE: 3/29/95

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Russell, Bailey, Estep, Scott and Wilson).

The National Certification Exam is currently offered twice a year. It takes six weeks to get test scores back. The purpose of this Bill is to provide for individuals that are licensed in another jurisdiction and who have completed the appropriate number of hours of training. This would certify these individuals for the interim period while awaiting test scores from the National Certification Exam.

The one year provision is designed to limit the number of consecutive provisional licenses.

Audits and Investigations finds that there may be some positive fiscal impact to the county as a result of the adoption of CB-9. However this cannot be estimated due to an inability to predict how many people are currently or will in the future be in this situation.

The Legislative Officer has found CB-9 to be in proper legislative form.

The Office of Law has found it to be in proper legal form.

There is a set fee of \$75 for annual licensing of massage therapists. However the Bill does not set a fee for provisional licenses. There have been 531 certified with annual licenses in Maryland since June, 1992.

The Committee voted 5-0 to amend Section 5-335(d) to require the cost of criminal records checks to be borne by the applicant.

Since there is no single official organization recognized nationally that sets standards and guidelines for massage therapy, it was decided that the applicant would have to be licensed by one of the recognized associations which exist across the country.

In January, 1996 the National Certification Board is scheduled to begin testing monthly and scores will be available the same day electronically on site.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**  
**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The proposed legislation would allow the issuance of provisional licenses for persons who have not passed the written examination to become massage therapists.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

**Massage Therapy**

Massage therapist licensing qualification..... 5-335