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Dear licensees and interested parties:

Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The Division has conducted a thorough fee analysis and this analysis was reviewed with the Board of Massage Therapy on March 6 and 7. In order to thoroughly analyze for fee setting, the Division typically looks at the past to predict future revenue and expenses. Since there was limited history to draw from, the Board was invaluable in helping with future estimates. The Board took into consideration potential unknown expenses, especially for investigation costs, but also the strong feedback from licensees and others to reduce the licensing fees. The Board unanimously agreed to recommend reducing the licensing fees for new and renewal applications by \$55.00.

Although the Board was advised to keep the fees the same until true and actual costs could be determined, the Division is proceeding with the reductions as recommended by the board. The proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the Board's web page at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofMassageTherapists.aspx>.

This fee proposal is entering a public comment period. The Division encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this proposal through the Division's Regulations Specialist, whose contact information is enclosed on the public notice. After the comment period closes and the Division reviews all comments received, the Division may adopt the regulation as drafted, may amend a proposed fee, or may withdraw the regulations in part or in its whole.

All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in the fee to be implemented during the next licensing renewal.

Follow the instructions enclosed to make written comments during the public comment period. Comments must be addressed to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811, or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janey Hovenden".

Janey Hovenden
Director

Encl.

Chapter 02. General Occupational Licensing Functions.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 02.396 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.396. Board of Massage Therapists. The following fees are established for massage therapists:

(1) nonrefundable application fee for initial license, \$200;

(2) massage therapy license fee for all or part of the initial biennial licensing period, **\$295** [\$350];

(3) massage therapy biennial license renewal fee, **\$295** [\$350];

(4) nonrefundable fingerprint processing fee, \$60. (Eff. 8/01/2015, Register 215;

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Authority: AS 08.01.010 AS 08.01.065 AS 08.61.090