



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 353** SLS 24RS 219

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy	<b>Analyst:</b> Philip Fach
<b>Subject:</b> Regulation of Massage Therapists	

GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS OR INCREASE SG RV See Note  
Provides for massage therapists and massage establishments. (8/1/24)

**Purpose of Bill:** The bill amends Louisiana’s massage therapy laws. The bill prohibits massage therapists from performing LED therapy as part of their practice, authorizes the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (Board) to conduct background checks on certain license renewal applicants, changes educational and advertisement requirements, and clarifies existing law.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.**

Officials with the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy indicated that they do not anticipate any additional expenses as a result of this bill, and any procedural changes resulting from the bill are expected to be handled by current personnel.

Officials with the Louisiana State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information informed us that there are no expected expenditure increases from additional background checks that may result from this bill (as the potential number of additional checks may be minimal).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase agency self-generated revenue for the Louisiana State Police (LSP) due to additional fees imposed for the background checks as provided for in this bill.**

An official with LSP indicated that the bill may result in additional fees imposed for background checks for applicants, which may increase the agency-self generated revenues of LSP. However, the exact impact is indeterminable as it is dependent upon the number of background checks performed.

Based on information from LSP, applicants are currently charged \$28 for background checks. The state background check is \$26 and the LSP keeps \$2 from each FBI background check. Based on information from the Board, there may be up to 20 additional background checks performed each year due to this bill. Based on this information, LSP revenues could increase by up to \$560 annually (20 applicants x \$28 per applicant).

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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