

Dear Member:

We have been notified of the date and time of the public hearing on licensure. The hearing will be held at the Philadelphia Bar Association, 1104 Market Street, 11th floor, Philadelphia on August 1, 2006. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. The American Massage Therapy Association has a panel of experienced, professional and well-respected individuals from across the country to speak in support of the bill. Your support at this meeting is sincerely requested!

Many of you have asked where does the bill go from here? After the hearing, the House of Representatives Professional Licensure Committee **will** decide whether to **bring** the bill up for consideration in Committee. If the bill is reported out of Committee, it will **then go** to the House **Floor** to be considered by the full House. Then, the bill will go to the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. If reported out of that Committee, it will go to the Senate Floor to be considered by the full Senate. Then, if no amendments have been made to the legislation in the Senate, it will go to the Governor to be signed into law. If it is amended by the Senate, it will have to go back to the House of Representatives for concurrence before it can be sent to the Governor.

The AMTA, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Body Therapy Association, has spent 14 years pursuing licensure at the request of you, the member. Now is the time to show your support and join us in providing massage therapists the opportunity to be a part of the vast healthcare industry that exists across Pennsylvania. If you need more information, please contact me at [tchtpst@verizon.net](mailto:tchtpst@verizon.net) or Government Relations Chairperson, Scott Dugan at [mgchnds1@aol.com](mailto:mgchnds1@aol.com). Many thanks and hope to see you at the public hearing!

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