

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 137

Committee: Boards, Agencies and Commissions Sponsor: Senator Garlan Gudger

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Senate Bill 137 as passed the Senate would terminate the existing seven-member Alabama Board of Massage Therapy on June 1, 2024 and transfer all rights, duties, records, and property to the nine-member Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board created by this bill. This bill would increase the new board's obligations by an estimated minimum of \$1,300 annually for per diem and travel expenses of the additional board members to attend biannual meetings for license renewal.

This bill would also: (1) require the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy Fund to be renamed the Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board Fund; (2) provide for the same amount or limits on fees and fines as provided by current law; and (3) provide that all administrative rules of the former board shall remain in effect as rules of the new board until amended or repealed.

This bill would provide for the continuance of the Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board until October 1, 2026 pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law.