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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Reported by Senate Health

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Brenner

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The bill eliminates a township's authority to license individuals acting as massagers within the unincorporated area of the township, resulting in lost revenue for certain townships. Current law specifies that fees for these licenses are \$100 for an initial license and \$50 to renew the license annually.
- Only townships that have adopted a resolution to regulate massage establishments will be affected. Revenue loss for affected townships could range from a few hundred dollars per year to several thousand dollars per year depending on the number of individuals the township has licensed.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill makes changes to the laws governing massage therapy as they relate to (1) professions regulated by the State Medical Board and (2) the authority of townships and municipal corporations to regulate massage establishments and their employees. As a consequence of the second part of the bill, there could be some fiscal impacts on townships, as described in further detail below.

Specifically, the bill eliminates a township's authority to issue licenses to individuals who perform massage therapy and will result in lost revenue for certain townships. Under current law, fees for these licenses are set at \$100 for an initial license and \$50 for annual renewal of the license. Although eliminating authority to license individuals performing massage applies to all townships, current law requires a township to have adopted a resolution to regulate massage establishments in order to exercise this licensing authority. Thus, only those townships that have adopted a resolution to regulate massage establishments will be affected by this change. Because the number of townships that regulate massage establishments and the number of individuals

licensed by townships as a massager is not readily available, it is difficult to estimate how much revenue any affected township may lose. However, given the current law fees, it is plausible to expect the loss to range from a few hundred dollars per year to several thousands of dollars per year, depending on the number of licensed individuals within a township.