Legislative Update

(May 9th, 2011 - TN Massage Board Meeting)

Rules & Law:

The newly approved rules are not yet in effect, but watch the chapter's website (www.amtatn.org) for status details and we will keep you updated on the status of the amended rules. If you have any questions regarding any legislative topics, you can contact me at legislative@amtatn.org and I will do my best to get you an answer.

Statistical report: (as of March 31st, 2011)

<u>Therapists:</u> <u>Establishments:</u>

Active Licensees 4460 Active Licensees 1514

2010 Continuing Education Audit Report: (as of April 13th, 2011)

Licenses Audited: 67 Compliant - 24 for 36%

Non-Compliant - 43 for 64% (36 of 43 - Licensees deficient in required CE hours)

General Information:

The board voted to support bill - HB0968 which reads: **Professions and Occupations** - As introduced, requires the health related boards and the boards attached to the division of regulatory boards to develop a procedure to expedite the licensing or certification of persons who were licensed or certified in another state and accompanied their spouse, who is the subject of a military transfer, to Tennessee.

The board also adopted a policy regarding massage therapists licensed in other states or countries. <u>out of state license policy</u>

Noteworthy:

A reminder for therapists - licensure renewals can be done online to save time by visiting the board's website at http://health.state.tn.us/boards/massage.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TN massage board will take place on August 8th and 9th, 2011 at 9am at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place in Nashville, TN.

Simplify & Relax, Lori Schrader, LMT AMTA TN Chapter - Legislative Chair