**2023 SENATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**SB 2065**

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Workforce Development Committee**
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2065
1/6/2023

Relating to licensure of reflexologists; and to provide a penalty.

11:02 AM **Chairman Wobbema called the hearing to order**. **Senators Wobbema, Elkin, Larson, Sickler, Piepkorn are present. Senator Axtman was absent.**

**Discussion Topics:**

- Amendment changes
- Unique pressure
- Whole body reflexology
- Stress and tension relief
- Body balance

11:03 AM **Richelle Presser, Licensed Reflexologist Secretary/Treasurer North Dakota Board of Reflexology,** testified in favor #12498

11:12 AM **Chairman Wobbema** closed this portion of hearing.

11:14 AM **Chairman Wobbema** reopened hearing.

11:17 AM **Gloria Gackle, Vice President of North Dakota Reflexology Board,** gave verbal testimony in favor

11:30 AM **Chairman Wobbema** closed the hearing

*Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Workforce Development Committee**
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2065
1/12/2023

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| Relating to the regulation of reflexologists; relating to licensure of reflexologists; and to provide a penalty. |

2:02 PM **Chairman Wobbema** called the committee work to order. **Senators Wobbema, Elkin, Larson, Sickler, Piepkorn, Axtman** are present**.**

**Discussion Topics:**

- Amendment
- Verbiage

**Chairman Wobbema** passed out Amendment for discussion 23.8142.01001

#13091.

**Senator Larson** moved to adopt the **AMENDMENT.**

**Senator Piepkorn** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

| Senators | Vote |
|---|---|
| Senator Michael A. Wobbema | Y |
| Senator Michelle Axtman | Y |
| Senator Jay Elkin | Y |
| Senator Diane Larson | Y |
| Senator Merrill Piepkorn | Y |
| Senator Jonathan Sickler | Y |

The motion passed 6-0-0.

**Senator Piepkorn** moves to correct grammatical errors in SB 2065.
**Senator Axtman** seconded.

**Senator Piepkorn** moved to withdraw the motion.
**Senator Axtman** seconded the motion.

**Senator Larson** moves **DO PASS as AMENDED.**

**Senator Axtman** seconded the motion.

Roll call Vote.

| Senators | Vote |
|---|---|
| Senator Michael A. Wobbema | Y |
| Senator Michelle Axtman | Y |
| Senator Jay Elkin | Y |
| Senator Diane Larson | Y |
| Senator Merrill Piepkorn | Y |
| Senator Jonathan Sickler | Y |

The motion passed 6-0-0.

**Chairman Wobbema** will carry SB 2065.

2:20 PM **Chairman Wobbema** closed the hearing.

*Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2065

Page 2, line 2, overstrike "reflexologists"

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Renumber accordingly

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2065: Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2065 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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**2023 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES**

**SB 2065**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Human Services Committee**
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

**SB 2065**
**3/13/2023**

**Relating to the regulation of reflexologists, licensure of reflexologists, and to provide a penalty.**

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 10:55 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich. All present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Natural Health Practice
- Alternative Medicine
- Reflexology Affects
- Reflexologist Scope of Practice
- Reflexologist License Requirements
- Reflexology Techniques
- Administrative Rules
- Continuing Education to Renew License
- Penalization for Practicing Reflexology Without a License

Richelle Presser, Licensed Reflexologist, Secretary/Treasurer of the North Dakota Reflexology Board, testified in favor of SB 2065 (#24284).

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.

*Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk, by Donna Lynn Knutson*

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Human Services Committee**
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

**SB 2065**
**3/13/2023**

**Relating to the regulation of reflexologists, licensure of reflexologists, and to provide a penalty.**

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 11:21 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich. All present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Penalties
- Discipline Action
- Licensed Reflexologists
- Massage Therapy
- Related Occupations
- Mandatory Licensure
- Consistency in Board Disciplinary Action

Chairman Weisz called for a discussion on SB 2065.

Committee Discussion

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 11:32 AM.

*Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk by Donna Lynn Knutson*

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Human Services Committee**
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

**SB 2065**
**3/27/2023**

**Relating to the regulation of reflexologists, licensure of reflexologists, and to provide a penalty.**

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 11:13 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich were present.
Reps. Clayton Fegley and Todd Porter not present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Committee work

Chairman Weisz called for a discussion on SB 2065.

Rep. Dobervich moved a do pass on Engrossed SB 2065.

Seconded by Rep. Anderson.

Roll Call Vote:

| Representatives | Vote |
|---|---|
| Representative Robin Weisz | Y |
| Representative Matthew Ruby | Y |
| Representative Karen A. Anderson | Y |
| Representative Mike Beltz | Y |
| Representative Jayme Davis | Y |
| Representative Gretchen Dobervich | Y |
| Representative Clayton Fegley | AB |
| Representative Kathy Frelich | Y |
| Representative Dawson Holle | Y |
| Representative Dwight Kiefert | Y |
| Representative Carrie McLeod | Y |
| Representative Todd Porter | AB |
| Representative Brandon Prichard | Y |
| Representative Karen M. Rohr | Y |

Motion carries 12-0-2. Carried by Rep. Kiefert.

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.

*Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk, by Donna Lynn Knutson*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2065, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2065 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**TESTIMONY**

**SB 2065**

# North Dakota Reflexology Board

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**Testimony on SB 2065**
**Richelle Presser, Licensed Reflexologist**
**ND Board of Reflexology Secretary/Treasurer**

**Workforce Development Committee**
**Friday, January 6, 2023, 11:00 a.m.**
**Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol**

Good morning, Chairman Wobbema and members of the Workforce Development Committee. My name is Richelle Presser. I am a licensed reflexologist from Turtle Lake, also practicing in Bismarck, as well as the Secretary/Treasurer of the ND Reflexology Board.

I am here today to testify in favor of and to submit amendments to Senate Bill 2065.

Reflexology is a non-invasive, stand-alone natural discipline recognized by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM). Both fund research projects on various natural health disciplines, including reflexology.

This bill will allow licensed reflexologists a wider scope of practice and the ability to do techniques learned at seminars, such as Thai Reflexology, which involves working on the feet and calf, the use of tools, such as a Thai stick, and Facial Reflexology, which can also involve the use of tools. This type of reflexology is equally effective.

Currently, those with just a reflexology license are at a competitive and financial disadvantage compared to those with both a massage and a reflexology license. The cost of attending in person seminars is anywhere between $300-$350. Online classes are available, some are less expensive, some are more, but investing in the education for these trainings and not being allowed to use them or the techniques learned is a barrier we would like to remove.

The Board would like to continue to have licensed reflexologists sit on the Board. An amendment is being submitted to address wording removed in error by the Legislative Council from the pre-filed bill. The Board wants to remain separate from other hands-on practices.

The Board would like to establish, adopt, and enforce Administrative Rules that clarify how to become licensed based on reflexology educational background, character references, and testing results.

The Board would like to address acceptable continuing education and how to renew licenses in Administrative Rules. The Board supports professional standards and ethics of National organizations that promote Reflexology.

The Board would also like to show more clearly when a license needs to be renewed.

Finally, the Board has received reports of several people or businesses across ND that are doing or advertising reflexology without a license. Currently, there is no way to address concerns brought to us. Therefore, we would like to add a penalty so we can notify these people and businesses that we have been contacted, and we can report them to the State. This is consistent with those that do similar modalities without a license.

Chairman Wobbema and members of the committee, thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 2065 and its amendments. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2065

Page 2, Line 2, after "~~licensed~~" strike "reflexologists"

Page 2, Line 5, after "~~board.~~" insert "Members must hold a current license issued by the board."

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# North Dakota Board of Reflexology

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**Testimony on Engrossed SB NO. 2065**
**Richelle Presser, Licensed Reflexologist**
**ND Board of Reflexology Secretary/Treasurer**

**Human Services Committee**
**Monday, March 13, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**
**Pioneer Room, State Capitol**

Good morning, Chairman Weisz and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Richelle Presser. I am a licensed reflexologist from Turtle Lake, practicing both in Turtle Lake and Bismarck, as well as the Secretary/Treasurer of the ND Reflexology Board.

I am here today to testify in favor of Engrossed Senate Bill 2065.

Reflexology is a non-invasive, stand-alone natural discipline recognized by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM). Both fund research projects on various natural health disciplines, including reflexology.

The modality of reflexology has been traced all the way back to 2330 BC. Reflexology is a science that deals with the principle that there are reflex areas in the body that correspond to all of the glands, organs, and parts of the body. Reflexology helps to relieve stress and tension, improves nerve and blood supply and promotes the unblocking of nerve impulses; and it helps bring the body back into homeostasis (balance).

This bill will allow licensed reflexologists a wider scope of practice and the ability to utilize techniques learned at seminars, such as Thai Reflexology, which involves working on the feet and calf; the use of tools, such as a Thai stick. Another technique includes Facial Reflexology, which can also involve the use of tools. This method of reflexology is equally effective as that performed on the feet, hands, or ears.

Currently, those with only a reflexology license, as compared to those with a massage and a reflexology license, are at a competitive and financial disadvantage, as it limits the scope of practice.

The cost of attending trainings or seminars is anywhere between $300-$400; some are more, some are less. Online and ZOOM classes are also available for continuing education credits, but investing in the education for these trainings and not being allowed to use them or the techniques learned is a barrier we would like to remove.

As shown in the Engrossed Senate Bill No 2065, the board would like to establish, adopt, and enforce Administrative Rules that clarify how to become licensed based on reflexology educational background, character references, and testing results.

The board would like to address acceptable continuing education and how to renew licenses in Administrative Rules. The Board supports professional standards and ethics of National organizations that promote Reflexology.

The Board would also like to show more clearly when a license needs to be renewed.

Finally, the Board has received reports of several people or businesses across ND that are practicing or advertising reflexology without a license. Currently, there is no way to address concerns brought to us. Therefore, we would like to add a penalty so we can notify these people and businesses that we have been contacted, and we can report them to the State. This is consistent with those that do similar modalities without a license.

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