

HB 987 -- MUSIC THERAPISTS

SPONSOR: Swan

This bill prohibits, after January 1, 2019, any person from using the title "music therapists" or practicing music therapy without a license. The Director of the Division of Professional Registration shall issue the license to applicants who hold a degree in music therapy from an approved program, have completed clinical training, passed an examination offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists, and submit an application. The director shall waive the examination requirement for applicants who are board certified music therapists or a registered music therapist in good standing with the National Music Therapy Registry, until January 1, 2022. A "Music Therapy Advisory Group" is established consisting of five members appointed by the director who shall serve without compensation. The advisory group shall provide an analysis of disciplinary actions at least once a year. The director may investigate allegations and issue sanctions for certain conduct specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 1607 (2016), HB 189, and SB 154 (2015).