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Feedback Needed for Licensure Regarding Those Who Will Have Dual Licensure

December 21st, 2017: So far, our art therapy licensure bill looks awesome and we look forward to the tough, yet exciting work ahead of us in 2018 to get this bill passed! I have included a copy of the bill draft for your review. **Please note that this is not a final version of the bill and should not be shared with legislators at this time!** As we pull together the final draft of the bill, we need your feedback on an issue that must be decided before our next regularly scheduled MAAT meeting in February. The issue is in regards to those who will be practicing under another license at the time our licensure bill would be enacted. So far, other states have handled this situation one of two ways:

- One way is to exempt individuals from needing to obtain the second license if, at the time the bill is enacted, the individual is a credentialed art therapist and already holds a license in another mental health field. This person would be allowed to continue to practice art therapy under their counseling (or other) license.
- AATA's Public Policy Advisor, Dean Sagar, explains the second approach, "Another approach has been to limit the time that certified art therapists holding other licenses can continue to practice art therapy and call themselves art therapists (2 years in the recent Oregon act) to encourage them either to obtain an art therapy license under the bill's grandfather provision or refrain from calling their practice art therapy."

Please send any comments, questions or feedback on this issue to michiganarttherapy@gmail.com. I hope to organize a discussion, possibly a conference call, in the early weeks of 2018. Please keep an eye out for this to be announced.

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