

METRO EMAIL ALERT:

The RT/TR Licensure Committee is pleased to announce that we now have a proposed Bill in the NYS Assembly introduced by Assemblyman Lancman. The Bill is # A08073.

Please contact your Assemblyman and ask that they sign on and support Assembly Bill # 08073. You can find your representative at <http://assembly.state.ny.us> You can email your assembly member from this site also. You do not have to be a recreation therapist or in the recreation field to do this. It is very important that as many people as possible contact their assembly member. It will only take a few minutes. Please help in this endeavor. Thank you.

SAMPLE MESSAGE FOR AN EMAIL

I would like to request that you sign on and support Bill # A-8073. It is a bill to license Therapeutic Recreation specialists to ensure that Recreation Therapy/Therapeutic Recreation is performed by trained professionals and it establishes standards for recreational therapy to preserve the quality of patient care. I strongly urge you to sign on and support this bill. Thank you,

SAMPLE LETTER

(put today's date here)

Dear **Honorable (add name of your representative):**

I am a practicing recreational therapist at **(insert agency)** and I would like to request that you sign on and support the New York State Recreational Therapy Licensure Bill, Assembly bill number A8073.

Recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation is a health care discipline that delivers treatment services designed to restore, remediate and/or rehabilitate functional capabilities for persons with injuries, chronic illnesses and all disabilities. Recreational therapists utilize a wide range of therapeutic modalities, community-based interventions, and rehabilitative techniques to assist patients in developing functional skills for daily living and community involvement. Qualified recreational therapists are licensed by state law and/or credentialed as Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS®) under the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Given the important nature of my work, it is essential that high professional standards are set for recreation therapists by creating a proper system for licensing to make sure that recreation therapy/therapeutic recreation is performed by qualified individuals in order to safeguard the public and provide the best possible care in this area.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

(Your Name and Credentials)