
Commerce & Labor Committee

HB 2576

Brief Description: Giving the director of the department of licensing authority to adopt master application fees by rule.

Sponsors: Representatives Hunt, Conway and Kenney; by request of Department of Licensing.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Authorizes the department to set master license fees by rule.

Hearing Date: 1/31/02

Staff: Sydney Forrester (786-7120).

Background:

The Master License Service is administered by the Department of Licensing, Business and Professions Division. The program functions as a central licensing service for persons who conduct a variety of businesses in Washington. A master license is a single license that incorporates endorsements, certificates, approvals, and registrations, and certifies state agency approval for the various regulated activities in which a business may be engaged. The program also provides information to the business community concerning state licensing and regulatory requirements, including local and federal information regarding state-regulated activities.

Master license fees currently are set in statute and have been unchanged since 1992. The master application fee is \$15, and the renewal fee is \$9.

Summary of Bill:

The department is authorized to set the handling fees by rule for master license application and renewal in accordance with existing policy. A nonrefundable handling fee is collected from each new applicant, and from each licensee upon renewal.

Rules Authority: The department is authorized to set fees by rule.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on September 1, 2002.