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**By** Senators Snyder, Newhouse, Sellar and von Reichbauer; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to business licenses; amending RCW 19.02.020,  
2 19.02.075, 19.02.080, 19.02.085, and 19.80.075; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 19.02 RCW; repealing RCW 19.80.035; and providing an effective  
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.02.020 and 1982 c 182 s 2 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the  
9 following meanings:

10 (1) "System" means the mechanism by which master licenses are  
11 issued and renewed, license and regulatory information is disseminated,  
12 and account data is exchanged by the agencies;

1 (2) "Business license center" means the business registration and  
2 licensing center established by this chapter and located in and under  
3 the administrative control of the department of licensing;

4 (3) "Board of review" means the body established to review policies  
5 and rules adopted by the department of licensing for carrying out the  
6 provisions of this chapter;

7 (4) "Master application" means a document incorporating pertinent  
8 data from existing applications for licenses covered under this  
9 chapter;

10 (5) "Master license" means the single document designed for public  
11 display issued by the business license center which certifies state  
12 agency license approval and which incorporates the endorsements for  
13 individual licenses included in the master license system, which the  
14 state requires for any person subject to this chapter;

15 (6) "License" means the whole or part of any agency permit,  
16 license, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or any form or  
17 permission required by law, including agency rule, to engage in any  
18 activity;

19 (7) "Regulatory" means all licensing and other governmental or  
20 statutory requirements pertaining to business or professional  
21 activities;

22 (8) "Person" means any individual, sole proprietorship,  
23 partnership, association, cooperative, corporation, nonprofit  
24 organization, state or local government agency, and any other  
25 organization required to register with the state to do business in the  
26 state and to obtain one or more licenses from the state or any of its  
27 agencies;

28 (9) "Director" means the director of licensing;

29 (10) "Department" means the department of licensing; ((and))

1 (11) "Regulatory agency" means any state agency, board, commission,  
2 or division which regulates one or more professions, occupations,  
3 industries, businesses, or activities;

4 (12) "Renewal application" means a document used to collect  
5 pertinent data for renewal of licenses covered under this chapter; and

6 (13) "License information packet" means a collection of information  
7 about licensing requirements and application procedures custom-  
8 assembled for each request.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.02.075 and 1990 c 264 s 2 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 ~~((The department shall collect a handling fee of twelve dollars on~~  
12 ~~each original master license issued. The handling fees collected under~~  
13 ~~this section shall be deposited in the general fund.)) Effective June  
14 1, 1992, the department shall collect a fee of seventeen dollars on  
15 each master application, ten dollars on each renewal application, and  
16 five dollars on each information packet. The fees collected under this  
17 section shall be deposited in the master license fund.~~

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.02.080 and 1982 c 182 s 7 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 All fees collected under the system shall be deposited with the  
21 state treasurer. Upon issuance or renewal of the master license or  
22 supplemental licenses, the department shall distribute the fees, except  
23 for fees covered under section 4 of this act and for fees covered under  
24 RCW 19.80.075, to the appropriate accounts under the applicable  
25 statutes for those agencies' licenses.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 19.02 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

1       The master license fund is created in the state treasury. All  
2 receipts from handling and master license delinquency fees shall be  
3 deposited into the fund. Moneys in the fund may be spent only after  
4 appropriation beginning in fiscal year 1993. Expenditures from the  
5 fund may be used only to administer the master license services  
6 program.

7       **Sec. 5.** RCW 19.02.085 and 1989 c 170 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9       To encourage timely renewal by applicants, a master license  
10 delinquency fee shall be imposed on licensees who fail to renew by the  
11 master license expiration date. The master license delinquency fee  
12 shall be the lesser of one hundred fifty dollars or fifty percent of a  
13 base comprised of the licensee's renewal fee minus corporate licensing  
14 taxes, corporation annual report fee, and any interest fees or  
15 penalties charged for late taxes or corporate renewals. The master  
16 license delinquency fee shall be added to the renewal fee and paid by  
17 the licensee before a master license shall be renewed. The delinquency  
18 fee shall be deposited in the (~~general~~) master license fund.

19       **Sec. 6.** RCW 19.80.075 and 1984 c 130 s 9 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21       All fees collected by the department of licensing under this  
22 chapter shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the  
23 (~~general~~) master license fund.

24       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 19.80.035 and 1985 c 88 s 1 & 1984  
25 c 130 s 4 are each repealed.

26       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act shall take effect June 1, 1992.