

**HB 1667 - H AMD 305**

By Representative Green

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1           On page 1, line 9, after "members of" strike "~~((that))~~ every"  
2 and insert "that"

3           On page 2, beginning on line 3, after "(2)" strike all material  
4 through "programs." on line 17, and insert "For all credentials  
5 issued after January 1, 2008, in addition to the credentialing fee,  
6 the secretary shall impose an annual surcharge of one dollar and  
7 fifty cents on all credentialed health professionals operating  
8 under the health professions account created under RCW 43.70.320.  
9 The surcharge shall be placed in the health professions account and  
10 used to reduce the fee when the annual base renewal fee for any  
11 credentialed health profession exceeds five hundred dollars per  
12 year to conduct core credentialing and disciplinary activities.  
13 Annual base renewal fees do not include special surcharges that may  
14 also be collected at the time of the credential renewal. This  
15 provision does not apply to regulated business entities whose funds  
16 reside with the health professions account.

17           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** The department of health shall review  
18 the effectiveness of the equity surcharge established in RCW  
19 43.70.250 with respect to eliminating inequities in the level of  
20 credentialing fees paid by health care providers regulated by the  
21 department of health. The review shall specifically consider the  
22 effect of the surcharge in reducing credentialing fees for  
23 professions with high fees and increasing the number of health care  
24 providers in those professions. The review shall provide any  
25 recommendations that would increase administrative efficiency and  
26 provide greater equity in credentialing fee amounts. The  
27 department of health shall submit its report to the legislature by  
28 November 15, 2010.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act expires on July 1, 2011."

2        Correct the title.

**EFFECT:**    Removes the three levels of health professions fees. Imposes a \$1.50 surcharge upon each health profession credential that shall be applied to reduce the fees of those health professions that have an annual fee that exceeds \$500.

The Department of Health is directed to conduct a review of the effect of the surcharge in reducing credentialing fees by November 15, 2010.

The act expires on July 1, 2011.