
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5913

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By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug, Keiser, and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to online access to the University of Washington
2 health sciences library by certain health care providers; and amending
3 RCW 43.70.110.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.110 and 2007 c 259 s 11 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The secretary shall charge fees to the licensee for obtaining
8 a license. After June 30, 1995, municipal corporations providing
9 emergency medical care and transportation services pursuant to chapter
10 18.73 RCW shall be exempt from such fees, provided that such other
11 emergency services shall only be charged for their pro rata share of
12 the cost of licensure and inspection, if appropriate. The secretary
13 may waive the fees when, in the discretion of the secretary, the fees
14 would not be in the best interest of public health and safety, or when
15 the fees would be to the financial disadvantage of the state.

16 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, fees
17 charged shall be based on, but shall not exceed, the cost to the
18 department for the licensure of the activity or class of activities and
19 may include costs of necessary inspection.

1 (3) License fees shall include amounts in addition to the cost of
2 licensure activities in the following circumstances:

3 (a) For registered nurses and licensed practical nurses licensed
4 under chapter 18.79 RCW, support of a central nursing resource center
5 as provided in RCW 18.79.202, until June 30, 2013;

6 (b) For all health care providers licensed under RCW 18.130.040,
7 the cost of regulatory activities for retired volunteer medical worker
8 licensees as provided in RCW 18.130.360; and

9 (c) For physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, physician
10 assistants licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, osteopathic physicians
11 licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, osteopathic physicians' assistants
12 licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, naturopaths licensed under chapter
13 18.36A RCW, podiatrists licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, chiropractors
14 licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW, psychologists licensed under chapter
15 18.83 RCW, registered nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW,
16 optometrists licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW, mental health counselors
17 licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW, massage therapists licensed under
18 chapter 18.108 RCW, clinical social workers licensed under chapter
19 18.225 RCW, and acupuncturists licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW, the
20 license fees shall include up to an additional twenty-five dollars to
21 be transferred by the department to the University of Washington for
22 the purposes of RCW 43.70.112. The University of Washington shall
23 provide an annual accounting of how the funds are used, and which
24 categories of providers are using the materials funded in the program.
25 However, each person subject to this subsection (3)(c) must pay only
26 one surcharge of up to twenty-five dollars annually for the purposes of
27 RCW 43.70.112, regardless of how many professional licenses he or she
28 holds.

29 (4) Department of health advisory committees may review fees
30 established by the secretary for licenses and comment upon the
31 appropriateness of the level of such fees.

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