
SENATE BILL 5205

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1 AN ACT Relating to the additional surcharge imposed on registered
2 nurses and licensed practical nurses; amending RCW 43.70.110 and
3 43.70.250; and repealing RCW 18.79.2021.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.110 and 2011 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The secretary shall charge fees to the licensee for obtaining
8 a license. Physicians regulated pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW who
9 reside and practice in Washington and obtain or renew a retired active
10 license are exempt from such fees. After June 30, 1995, municipal
11 corporations providing emergency medical care and transportation
12 services pursuant to chapter 18.73 RCW shall be exempt from such fees,
13 provided that such other emergency services shall only be charged for
14 their pro rata share of the cost of licensure and inspection, if
15 appropriate. The secretary may waive the fees when, in the discretion
16 of the secretary, the fees would not be in the best interest of public
17 health and safety, or when the fees would be to the financial
18 disadvantage of the state.

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

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

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

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

13 (c) For physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, physician
14 assistants licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, osteopathic physicians
15 licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, osteopathic physicians' assistants
16 licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, naturopaths licensed under chapter
17 18.36A RCW, podiatrists licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, chiropractors
18 licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW, psychologists licensed under chapter
19 18.83 RCW, registered nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW,
20 optometrists licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW, mental health counselors
21 licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW, massage therapists licensed under
22 chapter 18.108 RCW, clinical social workers licensed under chapter
23 18.225 RCW, midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW(~~(+)~~), licensed
24 marriage and family therapists under chapter 18.225 RCW(~~(+)~~), and East
25 Asian medicine practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW, the
26 license fees shall include up to an additional twenty-five dollars to
27 be transferred by the department to the University of Washington for
28 the purposes of RCW 43.70.112.

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.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.70.250 and 2006 c 72 s 4 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 It shall be the policy of the state of Washington that the cost of
35 each professional, occupational, or business licensing program be fully
36 borne by the members of that profession, occupation, or business. The
37 secretary shall from time to time establish the amount of all

1 application fees, license fees, registration fees, examination fees,
2 permit fees, renewal fees, and any other fee associated with licensing
3 or regulation of professions, occupations, or businesses administered
4 by the department. In fixing said fees, the secretary shall set the
5 fees for each program at a sufficient level to defray the costs of
6 administering that program and the cost of regulating licensed
7 volunteer medical workers in accordance with RCW 18.130.360, except as
8 provided in RCW 18.79.202 (~~until June 30, 2013~~). All such fees shall
9 be fixed by rule adopted by the secretary in accordance with the
10 provisions of the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.79.2021 (Repealer) and 2005 c 268 s
12 5 are each repealed.

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