

**SB 6626** - S AMD 1150

By Senator Randall

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1 On page 2, after line 12, insert the following:

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3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.70.250 and 2019 c 415 s 966 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) It shall be the policy of the state of Washington that the  
6 cost of each professional, occupational, or business licensing  
7 program be fully borne by the members of that profession,  
8 occupation, or business.

9 (2) The secretary shall from time to time establish the amount  
10 of all application fees, license fees, registration fees,  
11 examination fees, permit fees, renewal fees, and any other fee  
12 associated with licensing or regulation of professions, occupations,  
13 or businesses administered by the department. Any and all fees or  
14 assessments, or both, levied on the state to cover the costs of the  
15 operations and activities of the interstate health professions  
16 licensure compacts with participating authorities listed under  
17 chapter 18.130 RCW shall be borne by the persons who hold licenses  
18 issued pursuant to the authority and procedures established under  
19 the compacts. All spouses or state-registered domestic partners of  
20 service members of any branch of the United States armed forces,  
21 national guard, or armed forces reserves shall have application  
22 fees, license fees, and any other fees associated with licensing  
23 waived by the department. In fixing said fees, the secretary shall  
24 set the fees for each program at a sufficient level to defray the  
25 costs of administering that program and the cost of regulating  
26 licensed volunteer medical workers in accordance with RCW  
27 18.130.360, except as provided in RCW 18.79.202. In no case may the

1 secretary increase a licensing fee for an ambulatory surgical  
2 facility licensed under chapter 70.230 RCW during the 2019-2021  
3 fiscal biennium, nor may he or she commence the adoption of rules to  
4 increase a licensing fee during the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.

5 (3) All such fees shall be fixed by rule adopted by the  
6 secretary in accordance with the provisions of the administrative  
7 procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

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13 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "liaison", insert "; and  
amending RCW 43.70.250"

EFFECT: Waives all fees associated with licensing in Department  
of Health-regulated professions for spouses or domestic partners of  
service members.

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