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By Representatives Macri, Chambers, Cody, and Appleton

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1 AN ACT Relating to online access to health care resources for
2 veterinarians and veterinary technicians; and amending RCW 43.70.110.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.110 and 2015 c 77 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

18 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, fees
19 charged shall be based on, but shall not exceed, the cost to the
20 department for the licensure of the activity or class of activities
21 and 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;

6 (b) For all health care providers licensed under RCW 18.130.040,
7 the cost of regulatory activities for retired volunteer medical
8 worker 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,
14 chiropractors licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW, psychologists
15 licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW, registered nurses and licensed
16 practical nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, optometrists
17 licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW, mental health counselors licensed
18 under chapter 18.225 RCW, massage therapists licensed under chapter
19 18.108 RCW, advanced social workers licensed under chapter 18.225
20 RCW, independent clinical social workers and independent clinical
21 social worker associates licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW, midwives
22 licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW, marriage and family therapists and
23 marriage and family therapist associates licensed under chapter
24 18.225 RCW, occupational therapists and occupational therapy
25 assistants licensed under chapter 18.59 RCW, dietitians and
26 nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138 RCW, speech-language
27 pathologists licensed under chapter 18.35 RCW, (~~and~~) East Asian
28 medicine practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW, and
29 veterinarians and veterinary technicians licensed under chapter 18.92
30 RCW, the license fees shall include up to an additional twenty-five
31 dollars to be transferred by the department to the University of
32 Washington for the purposes of RCW 43.70.112.

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

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