

SENATE BILL NO. 390

INTRODUCED BY E. ARNTZEN

BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS STANDING

COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY OF FEES ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Interim study of fees assessed -- governmental agencies -- boards.**

(1) The economic affairs interim committee provided for in 5-5-223 shall conduct a study of fees charged by the department of labor and industry to licensing boards as provided under subsection (2).

(2) The study must include but is not limited to reviewing the following:

(a) fees incurred, calculated, or charged by the department of labor and industry that are:

(i) associated with licensing individuals, including initial licensing, reciprocity, and renewal;

(ii) related to compliance, including inspections and audits; and

(iii) related to any legal or enforcement actions;

(b) costs by the department that are:

(i) direct and indirect costs;

(ii) standardized administrative service costs for license verification, duplicate licenses, late penalty renewals, license lists, and other administrative service costs;

(iii) administrative service costs not related to a specific board or program; and

(iv) legal costs; ~~and~~

(c) whether ~~policies and procedures to set~~ fees for administrative services are commensurate with the costs of the services provided; AND

(D) WHETHER THE SERVICES PROVIDED ADD VALUE TO THE WORK OF THE BOARDS AND CONTRIBUTE TO PUBLIC SAFETY.



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NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION -- DIRECTIONS TO COMMITTEE. (1) THERE IS APPROPRIATED \$7,000 FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015, TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FOR USE BY THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE, AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2).

(2) THE APPROPRIATION MUST BE USED TO PAY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL MEETINGS THAT MAY BE NEEDED TO FULLY CARRY OUT THE STUDY DIRECTIVES IN [SECTION 1]. THE COMMITTEE IS ENCOURAGED TO WORK WITHIN ITS REGULAR BUDGET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AS PART OF ITS DUTIES TO MONITOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY AND ITS ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED LICENSING BOARDS. THE COMMITTEE ALSO IS ENCOURAGED TO USE TELECONFERENCE CAPABILITIES WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Contingent voidness. Pursuant to Joint Rule 40-65, if [this act] does not include an appropriation prior to being transmitted to the governor, then [this act] is void.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. TERMINATION. [THIS ACT] TERMINATES DECEMBER 31, 2016.

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