

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; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE 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.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Contingent voidness.** Pursuant to Joint Rule 40-65, if [this act] does not

1 include an appropriation prior to being transmitted to the governor, then [this act] is void.

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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