

ASSEMBLY, No. 3895

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires biennial review of fees charged for issuance of certain professional and occupational credentials.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring a biennial review of fees charged for the issuance
2 of certain professional and occupational credentials, and
3 supplementing P.L.1974, c.46 (C.45:1-3.1 et seq.)
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Credential” means a license, certificate of registration,
10 registration, or other similar type of document that allows an
11 individual to practice a specific profession or occupation.

12 b. (1) Not less than once every two years the Division of
13 Consumer Affairs shall conduct a review of each professional and
14 occupational board and committee it oversees to examine the fees
15 charged for:

16 (a) an initial credential;

17 (b) a credential renewal; and

18 (c) a credential for an applicant with an out-of-state credential.

19 (2) At a time determined by the division, but not less than once
20 every two years, other State agencies that oversee the issuance of a
21 professional or occupational credential pursuant to P.L.1974, c.46
22 (C.45:1-3.1 et seq.) shall conduct a review of the fees charged to
23 individuals for an initial credential, credential renewal, and a
24 credential for an out-of-State applicant, and submit the findings to
25 the division.

26 c. Upon completion of the review, as required by subsection b.
27 of this section, the division shall assess whether the total amount of
28 fees collected for each of the various credentials exceeds the costs
29 incurred by the boards, committees, and agencies that issue the
30 credentials. If a fee is determined to be in excess, any adjustment to
31 that fee shall be promulgated by the appropriate board, committee,
32 or agency to take effect for the next credential renewal period.
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34 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the twelfth
35 month next following enactment, except the Director of Consumer
36 Affairs may take anticipatory administrative action in advance as
37 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.
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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires the Division of Consumer Affairs to conduct a
43 review of the boards and committees it oversees to examine fees
44 charged for initial credentials, credential renewal, and a credential
45 for an out-of-State individual. Other State agencies that oversee the
46 issuance of a credential pursuant to P.L.1974, c.46 (C.45:1-3.1 et
47 seq.) shall perform the same review of fees and submit findings to
48 the division. An assessment is to be conducted to determine
49 whether the total amount of fees collected for each of the various
50 credentials total an amount that exceeds the costs incurred by

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1 boards, committees, and agencies that issue credentials. If a fee is
2 determined to be in excess, an adjustment to that fee shall be made
3 before the next renewal period of the credential. The bill stipulates
4 that this review is to be done by the division and other State
5 agencies at least every two years.