

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 (R06/99)

ORIGINAL
 CORRECTED

UPDATED
 SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
Chs. Comm 2 & 5
Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject
Fees

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

Increase Existing Appropriation
 Decrease Existing Appropriation
 Create New Appropriation
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The department issues 82 types of licenses, certifications and registrations for a variety of trade occupations. Approximately 40 percent of those credentials require the fulfillment of continuing educational obligations to renew the specific credential. Continuing educational courses must first be reviewed and approved by the department. Currently, the department does not charge a fee for the review of a course. The department's cost to provide this review is currently offset by the credential fees of the various occupations. The department over the last three years has reviewed approximately 900 courses annually. The department estimates that the average amount of approved credit sought is 2 hours per course. The department proposes assessing a fee of \$40 for each course approval plus \$5 for each half hour of credit recognized. The department expects the requests for continuing educational course approval to remain steady. Based upon these assumptions, the proposal would generate \$54,000 annually in revenue.

The department offers license applicants the ability to review their qualifying licensing exams. Currently, the department does not charge a fee for this service. The department's cost to provide this service is currently offset by the exam fees and the credential fees. Approximately 200 individuals annually take advantage of this opportunity. The department is proposing \$15 fee for this service, and the proposal would generate \$3,000 annually in revenue.

Of the 82 types of credentials issued by the department, an application fee is part of the overall credential fee charge by the department for approximately 75 percent of the credentials. The application fee is charged for the initial application and for late credential renewals. Current application fees range from \$10 to \$35. The implementation of a \$15 application fee for the remaining 25 percent of the credentials creates equity across the board. The department estimates that there would 1,000 situations annually, initial applications and late renewals, where the proposed application fee would be applicable. This would result in an additional \$15,000 in annual revenue.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

No long range fiscal implications are anticipate.

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