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Minor Policy and Technical Changes -- Base Budget Reductions (R&L)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Regulation and Licensing (R&L) is funded entirely from program revenues, collected primarily from initial and renewal credential fees, examination charges, and background investigation fees. Credential fees are credited to a general program operations appropriation with base level funding and position authority of \$9,943,400 PR and 119.0 PR positions annually. Examination fees are credited to an examinations general program operations appropriation with base level funding and position authority of \$1,648,600 PR and 7.0 PR positions annually. Background investigation fees are credited to an applicant investigation reimbursement appropriation with base level funding of \$133,800 PR annually.

GOVERNOR

Delete \$797,000 PR in 2005-06 and \$871,700 PR in 2006-07 and 11.85 PR positions annually from the agency's general program operations appropriation as part of a base budget reduction. Direct the Secretary of DOA to lapse these amounts to the general fund from the available PR balances in R&L's general program operations appropriation.

MODIFICATION

Restore \$152,700 PR in 2005-06 and \$207,700 in 2006-07 and 1.0 PR position annually to the Department's general program operations appropriation and delete comparable amounts and position authority from the agency's examinations general program operations appropriation. Direct the Secretary of DOA to lapse to the general fund \$644,300 in 2005-06 and \$664,000 PR in 2006-07 from the available balances in R&L's general program operations appropriation and \$152,700 PR in 2005-06 and \$207,700 in 2006-07 from the available balances in R&L's examinations general program operations appropriation.

Explanation: Under the bill, the entire amount of the Governor's recommended base budget reduction would be applied against the agency's s. 20.165(1)(g) general program operations appropriation. The administration has indicated that this action does not properly reflect the Governor's intent and that \$152,700 PR in 2005-06 and \$207,700 PR in 2006-07 and 1.0 position annually of the total reduction should have been applied against the agency's s. 20.165(1)(i) examinations general program operations appropriation.

This modification deletes the identified amounts and position authority from the s. 20.165(1)(i) examinations general program operations appropriation while restoring a like amount of expenditure and position authority to the s. 20.165(1)(g) general program operations appropriation. Similar adjustments are made to the identified appropriations amounts that the Secretary of DOA is required to lapse to the general fund.

There is no net fiscal change associated with adjustments.

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