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HOUSE BILL 902

Short Title: NC Medical Board Fee Increases.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative England.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO
3 INCREASE CERTAIN FEES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 90-15 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 90-15. License fee; salaries, fees, and expenses of Board.**

7 Each applicant for a license ~~by examination to practice medicine and surgery in this~~
8 ~~State under either G.S. 90-9, 90-10, or 90-13~~ shall pay to the North Carolina Medical
9 Board a fee ~~which shall be prescribed by the Board in an amount not exceeding the sum~~
10 ~~of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) plus the cost of test materials before being admitted to~~
11 ~~the examination. Whenever a license is granted without examination, as authorized in~~
12 ~~G.S. 90-13, the applicant shall pay to the Board a fee in an amount to be prescribed by~~
13 ~~the Board not in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).~~ an application fee of
14 three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00). Whenever a limited license is granted as provided
15 in G.S. 90-12, the applicant shall pay to the Board a fee not to exceed one hundred fifty
16 dollars (\$150.00), except where a limited license to practice in a medical education and
17 training program approved by the Board for the purpose of education or training is
18 granted, the applicant shall pay a fee of ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00),~~ one hundred dollars
19 (\$100.00), and where a limited license to practice medicine and surgery only at clinics
20 that specialize in the treatment of indigent patients is granted, the applicant shall not pay
21 a fee. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid for the issuance of a duplicate
22 license. All fees shall be paid in advance to the North Carolina Medical Board, to be
23 held in a fund for the use of the Board. The compensation and expenses of the members
24 and officers of the Board and all expenses proper and necessary in the opinion of the
25 Board to the discharge of its duties under and to enforce the laws regulating the practice
26 of medicine or surgery shall be paid out of the fund, upon the warrant of the Board. The
27 per diem compensation of Board members shall not exceed two hundred dollars
28 (\$200.00) per day per member for time spent in the performance and discharge of duties
29 as a member. Any unexpended sum or sums of money remaining in the treasury of the

1 Board at the expiration of the terms of office of the members of the Board shall be paid
2 over to their successors in office.

3 For the initial and annual registration of an assistant to a physician, the Board may
4 require the payment of a fee not to exceed a reasonable amount."

5 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 90-15.1 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 90-15.1. Registration every year with Board.**

7 Every person licensed to practice medicine by the North Carolina Medical Board
8 shall register annually with the Board within 30 days of the person's birthday. A person
9 who registers with the Board shall report to the Board the person's name and office and
10 residence address and any other information required by the Board, and shall pay a
11 registration fee of ~~one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)~~one hundred seventy-five
12 dollars (\$175.00), except those who have a limited license to practice in a medical
13 education and training program approved by the Board for the purpose of education or
14 training shall pay a registration fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) and
15 those who have a limited volunteer license shall pay an annual registration fee of
16 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). A physician who is not actively engaged in the practice of
17 medicine in North Carolina and who does not wish to register the license may direct the
18 Board to place the license on inactive status. For purposes of annual registration, the
19 Board shall use a simplified registration form which allows registrants to confirm
20 information on file with the Board. A physician who fails to register as required by this
21 section shall pay an additional fee of ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the
22 Board. The license of any physician who fails to register and who remains unregistered
23 for a period of 30 days after certified notice of the failure is automatically inactive.
24 Except as provided in G.S. 90-12(d), a person whose license is inactive shall not
25 practice medicine in North Carolina nor be required to pay the annual registration fee.
26 Upon payment of all accumulated fees and penalties, the license of the physician may
27 be reinstated, subject to the Board requiring the physician to appear before the Board for
28 an interview and to comply with other licensing requirements. The penalty may not
29 exceed the maximum fee for a license under G.S. 90-13."

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.