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Short Title: NC Medical Board Fee Increases.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative England.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO
INCREASE CERTAIN FEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

1 (\$200.00) per day per member for time spent in the performance and discharge of duties
2 as a member. Any unexpended sum or sums of money remaining in the treasury of the
3 Board at the expiration of the terms of office of the members of the Board shall be paid
4 over to their successors in office.

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

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

8 "**§ 90-15.1. Registration every year with Board.**

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

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