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HOUSE BILL 194

Short Title: State Bar Authority for Certain Fees.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Judiciary 2, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 27, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BAR TO CHARGE AND COLLECT FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN DISCIPLINARY DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 84-34.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 84-34.2. **Specific statutory authority for certain fees.**

In addition to fees the Council is elsewhere authorized to charge and collect, the Council may charge and collect the following fees in amounts determined by the Council:

- (1) A reinstatement fee for any attorney seeking reinstatement from inactive status, administrative suspension, or suspension for failure to comply with the annual continuing legal education requirements.
- (2) A registration fee and annual renewal fee for an interstate or international law firm.
- (3) An attendance fee for continuing legal education programs that may include a fee to support the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.
- (4) A late fee for failing to file timely the continuing legal education annual report form, for failure to pay attendance fees, or failure to complete the annual continuing legal education requirements.
- (5) An administrative fee for any attorney against whom discipline has been imposed.
- (6) An administrative fee for any attorney against whom a noncompliance suspension is issued.
- (7) An administrative fee for any attorney who participates in a diversion program offered by the Grievance Committee."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.



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