

\$10 Renewal Fee – Senate Bill 938 (Yee) – Statutes of 2003

Senate Bill 938, Ch. 437, Statutes of 2003

On September 20, 2003, Governor Davis signed into law Assembly Bill 938 authored by Assembly Member Leland Yee, Ph.D.

Assembly Bill 938 established the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program. This bill required the Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) to develop a prescribed program to provide grants to licensed mental health service providers who provide direct patient care in a publicly funded facility or a mental health professional shortage area. To fund this effort, AB 938 added section 2987.2 of the Business and Professions Code which reads:

"In addition to the fees charged (to licensed psychologists) pursuant to section 2987 for the biennial renewal of a license, the board shall collect an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10) at the time of renewal. The board shall transfer this amount to the Controller who shall deposit the funds in the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund."

Therefore, for those psychologists who must renew their licenses on or after January 1, 2004, the renewal notices will include this \$10 additional fee mandated by AB 938. This additional fee does not go into the Board's fund but rather the Board must transfer these additional fees to the State Controller for the Mental Health Practitioner Fund.

To access the full text of Business and Professions Code Section 2987.2, visit us on the web at www.psychology.ca.gov