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MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 7, 2014				
то	Psychology Board Members				
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator				
SUBJECT	AB 1758 (Patterson): Healing Arts: Initial License Fees: Proration				

Background:

Please see attached analysis for detail on this proposed legislation.

Action Requested:

The staff recommendation is to continue to watch AB 1758.

Attachment A is the staff analysis of AB 1758.

Attachment B shows the current language proposed in AB 1758.

Attachment C shows the projected fiscal impact of AB 1758.

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

BILL ANALYSIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1758 VERSION: AMENDED AUGUST 4, 2014

AUTHOR: PATTERSON SPONSOR: AUTHOR

BOARD POSITION: WATCH

SUBJECT: HEALING ARTS: INITIAL LICENSE FEES: PRORATION

Overview:

The bill would require the initial license fee for Psychologists to be prorated on a monthly basis.

Existing Law:

1) Provides that licenses for psychologists expire at 12 midnight on the last date of the birth month of the licensee during the second year of a two-year term, if not renewed, and requires the Board to establish an initial license fee that is an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the license is issued and to establish by regulation procedures for the administration of the birth date renewal program, including the establishment of a pro rata formula for the payments of fees. (BPC §§2982, 2987)

This Bill:

1) Will amend Section 2987 (c) of the Business and Professions Code by inserting this language: "The initial license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis". (BPC §2987 (c))

Comment:

- 1) Author's Intent. According to the author, "Various sections of the [BPC] state that licenses for..., psychologists,... expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the licensee's birth month on the second year of their second term." These licenses, with some exceptions, are required to pay a full two-year renewal fee when this date occurs after they first receive their licenses.
- 2) Current Practice. When a license is issued by the Board, to maintain the birth date renewal system, the license is issued for a period of between 12 and 24 months based on the issue date and the licensee's birth month. For instance, if a license is issued March 26, 2014 and the licensee has a February birthday, the license will

expire February 29, 2016 (23 months and 5 days). However, if the license is issued March 26, 2014 and the licensee has a March birthday, the license will expire on March 31, 2015 (12 months and 5 days).

3) Impact. We would lose revenue with the reduced initial fee. BBS prorates manually based on the time the application is received. This means they need in house cashiering and staff time dedicated to calculating the fees. We would need approximately one full time Office Technician.

However, there will be no fiscal impact with implementing this procedure within the Board provided that BreEze is able to calculate the fee proration automatically. If BreEze cannot process fees automatically then staff would have to manually process the fees for each individual request for initial licensure. Manually processing each application could cause possible delays in issuing the license. There would also be a possibility of incorrect amounts being charged and a cost associated with (approximately \$9.00 for each refund) with fixing. On average we receive 14 requests for initial licensure per week. That is about 700+ licenses issued per year.

- 4) Recommended Position: Watch
- 5) Support and Opposition.

Support:

- State Center Community College District
- Central Unified School District
- California Veterinary Medical Association
- The Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

Opposition:

None on file.

6) History

- Aug. 04 In committee: Placed on APPR. suspense file.
- Aug. 04 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and rerefer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
- Jun. 30 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
- Jun. 26 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (June 23).
- Jun. 05 Referred to Com. on B., P. & E.D.

May 29 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 77. Noes 1. Page 5364.) May 28 Read second time. Ordered to third reading. **May 27** Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading. **May 27** From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 17. Noes 0.) (May 23). In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. May 7 Apr. 22 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 14. Noes 0.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Apr. 7 Re-referred to Com. on B..P. & C.P. Apr. 3 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on B.,P. & C.P. Read second time and amended. Mar. 24 Re-referred to Com. on B.,P. & C.P. Mar. 20 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on B., P. & C.P. Read second time and amended. Feb. 27 Referred to Com. on B.,P. & C.P. Feb. 18 From printer. May be heard in committee March 20. Feb. 14 Read first time. To print.

AB 1758 Fiscal Impact

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Months	Monthly Fee	Initial Fee	Current Fee	Difference	Initial Licenses Per Month	Decrease In Revenue		
13		\$ 216.67		\$(183.33)		\$ (12,481.94)		
14		\$ 233.33		\$(166.67)		\$ (11,347.22)		
15		\$ 250.00		\$(150.00)		\$ (10,212.50)		
16		\$ 266.67		\$(133.33)		\$ (9,077.78)		
17		\$ 283.33		\$(116.67)		\$ (7,943.06)		
18	\$ 16.67	\$ 300.00	\$ 400	\$(100.00)	68.08333	\$ (6,808.33)		
19		\$ 316.67		\$ (83.33)		\$ (5,673.61)		
20		\$ 333.33		\$ (66.67)		\$ (4,538.89)		
21		\$ 350.00		\$ (50.00)		\$ (3,404.17)		
22		\$ 366.67		\$ (33.33)		\$ (2,269.44)		
23		\$ 383.33		\$ (16.67)		\$ (1,134.72)		
						\$ (74,891.67)		

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 4, 2014
AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 30, 2014
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 27, 2014
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 3, 2014
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 20, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013-14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1758

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

(Coauthor: Senator Lieu)

February 14, 2014

An act to amend Sections 1724, 1944, 2435, 2538.57, 2570.16, 2688, 2987, 4842.5, 4905, 4970, and 5604 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1758, as amended, Patterson. Healing arts: initial license fees: proration.

Existing law provides for the regulation and licensure of various professions and vocations. Existing law requires that licenses issued to certain licensees, including, among others, architects, acupuncturists, dental hygienists, dentists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, physicians and surgeons, psychologists, and veterinarians, expire at 12 a.m. on either the last day of the birth month of the licensee or at 12 a.m. of the legal birth date of the licensee during the 2nd year of a 2-year term if not renewed.

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This bill would require that the fee for an initial temporary or permanent license, or an original license, as specified, imposed pursuant to these provisions be prorated on a monthly basis, but would authorize a board or committee, as applicable, to impose an additional fee to cover the reasonable costs of issuing an initial or original license that expires in less than 12 months, as specified. The bill would limit the total amount of the prorated fee and the additional fee imposed for an initial or original license that expires in less than 12 months to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the fee for an initial or original license, as specified.

The bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 1724 of the Business and Professions Code made by SB 1416 that would become operative if both bills are chaptered on or before January 1, 2015, and this bill is chaptered last.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1724 of the Business and Professions 2 Code is amended to read:
- 1724. The amount of charges and fees for dentists licensed pursuant to this chapter shall be established by the board as is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities required by this chapter as it relates to dentists, subject to the following limitations:
 - (a) The fee for application for examination shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
 - (b) The fee for application for reexamination shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (c) The fee for examination and for reexamination shall not exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800). Applicants who are found to be ineligible to take the examination shall be entitled to a refund in an amount fixed by the board.
 - (d) The fee for an initial license and for the renewal of a license shall not exceed four hundred fifty dollars (\$450). The fee for an initial license shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may,
- 19 however, with respect to an initial license that expires in less than
- 20 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the
- 21 reasonable costs of issuing the license if the board makes a
- 22 determination in writing that the prorated fee for the initial license

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is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an initial license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225).

- (e) The fee for a special permit shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300), and the renewal fee for a special permit shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (f) The delinquency fee shall be the amount prescribed by Section 163.5.
- (g) The penalty for late registration of change of place of practice shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (h) The application fee for permission to conduct an additional place of practice shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (i) The renewal fee for an additional place of practice shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (j) The fee for issuance of a substitute certificate shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).
- (k) The fee for a provider of continuing education shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per year.
- (1) The fee for application for a referral service permit and for renewal of that permit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (m) The fee for application for an extramural facility permit and for the renewal of a permit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

The board shall report to the appropriate fiscal committees of each house of the Legislature whenever the board increases any fee pursuant to this section and shall specify the rationale and justification for that increase.

- SEC. 1.5. Section 1724 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 1724. The amount of charges and fees for dentists licensed pursuant to this chapter shall be established by the board as is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities required by this chapter as it relates to dentists, subject to the following limitations:
- 38 (a) The fee for application for examination shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

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(b) The fee for application for reexamination shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

- (c) The fee for examination and for reexamination shall not exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800). Applicants who are found to be ineligible to take the examination shall be entitled to a refund in an amount fixed by the board.
- (d) The fee for an initial license and for the renewal of a license shall not exceed four hundred fifty dollars (\$450). is five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$525). The fee for an initial license shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license if the board makes a determination in writing that the prorated fee for the initial license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an initial license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed two hundred sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$262.50).
- (e) The fee for a special permit shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300), and the renewal fee for a special permit shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (f) The delinquency fee shall be the amount prescribed by Section 163.5.
- (g) The penalty for late registration of change of place of practice shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (h) The application fee for permission to conduct an additional place of practice shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (i) The renewal fee for an additional place of practice shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (j) The fee for issuance of a substitute certificate shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).
- (k) The fee for a provider of continuing education shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per year.
- (1) The fee for application for a referral service permit and for renewal of that permit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (m) The fee for application for an extramural facility permit and for the renewal of a permit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

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The board shall report to the appropriate fiscal committees of each house of the Legislature whenever the board increases any fee pursuant to this section and shall specify the rationale and justification for that increase.

- SEC. 2. Section 1944 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 1944. (a) The committee shall establish by resolution the amount of the fees that relate to the licensing of a registered dental hygienist, a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, and a registered dental hygienist in extended functions. The fees established by board resolution in effect on June 30, 2009, as they relate to the licensure of registered dental hygienists, registered dental hygienists in alternative practice, and registered dental hygienists in extended functions, shall remain in effect until modified by the committee. The fees are subject to the following limitations:
- (1) The application fee for an original license and the fee for the issuance of an original license shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The fee for the issuance of an original license shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The committee may, however, with respect to an original license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the original license if the committee makes a determination in writing that the fee for the original license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated original license fee and any additional fee imposed by the committee pursuant to this paragraph for an original license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).
- (2) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (3) For third- and fourth-year dental students, the fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (4) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist in extended functions shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

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(5) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice shall not exceed the actual cost of administering the examination.

- (6) The biennial renewal fee shall not exceed one hundred sixty dollars (\$160).
- (7) The delinquency fee shall not exceed one-half of the renewal fee. Any delinquent license may be restored only upon payment of all fees, including the delinquency fee, and compliance with all other applicable requirements of this article.
- (8) The fee for issuance of a duplicate license to replace one that is lost or destroyed, or in the event of a name change, shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) or one-half of the renewal fee, whichever is greater.
- (9) The fee for certification of licensure shall not exceed one-half of the renewal fee.
- (10) The fee for each curriculum review and site evaluation for educational programs for dental hygienists who are not accredited by a committee-approved agency shall not exceed two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100).
- (11) The fee for each review of courses required for licensure that are not accredited by a committee-approved agency, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education or its successor, or the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (12) The initial application and biennial fee for a provider of continuing education shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (13) The amount of fees payable in connection with permits issued under Section 1962 is as follows:
- (A) The initial permit fee is an amount equal to the renewal fee for the applicant's license to practice dental hygiene in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the permit is issued.
- (B) If the permit will expire less than one year after its issuance, then the initial permit fee is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the permit is issued.
- (b) The renewal and delinquency fees shall be fixed by the committee by resolution at not more than the current amount of the renewal fee for a license to practice under this article nor less than five dollars (\$5).

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(c) Fees fixed by the committee by resolution pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law.

- (d) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be collected by the committee and deposited into the State Dental Hygiene Fund, which is hereby created. All money in this fund shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, be used to implement the provisions of this article.
- (e) No fees or charges other than those listed in this section shall be levied by the committee in connection with the licensure of registered dental hygienists, registered dental hygienists in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienists in extended functions
- (f) The fee for registration of an extramural dental facility shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (g) The fee for registration of a mobile dental hygiene unit shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (h) The biennial renewal fee for a mobile dental hygiene unit shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (i) The fee for an additional office permit shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (j) The biennial renewal fee for an additional office as described in Section 1926.4 shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (k) The initial application and biennial special permit fee is an amount equal to the biennial renewal fee specified in paragraph (6) of subdivision (a).
- (1) The fees in this section shall not exceed an amount sufficient to cover the reasonable regulatory cost of carrying out the provisions of this article.
- SEC. 3. Section 2435 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2435. The following fees apply to the licensure of physicians and surgeons:
- (a) Each applicant for a certificate based upon a national board diplomate certificate, each applicant for a certificate based on reciprocity, and each applicant for a certificate based upon written examination, shall pay a nonrefundable application and processing fee, as set forth in subdivision (b), at the time the application is filed.

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(b) The application and processing fee shall be fixed by the board by May 1 of each year, to become effective on July 1 of that year. The fee shall be fixed at an amount necessary to recover the actual costs of the licensing program as projected for the fiscal year commencing on the date the fees become effective.

- (c) Each applicant who qualifies for a certificate, as a condition precedent to its issuance, in addition to other fees required herein, shall pay an initial license fee, if any, in an amount fixed by the board consistent with this section. The initial license fee shall not exceed seven hundred ninety dollars (\$790). The initial license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an initial license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed three hundred ninety-five dollars (\$395). An applicant enrolled in an approved postgraduate training program shall be required to pay only 50 percent of the initial license fee.
- (d) The biennial renewal fee shall be fixed by the board consistent with this section and shall not exceed seven hundred ninety dollars (\$790).
- (e) Notwithstanding subdivisions (c) and (d), and to ensure that subdivision (k) of Section 125.3 is revenue neutral with regard to the board, the board may, by regulation, increase the amount of the initial license fee and the biennial renewal fee by an amount required to recover both of the following:
- (1) The average amount received by the board during the three fiscal years immediately preceding July 1, 2006, as reimbursement for the reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement proceedings pursuant to Section 125.3.
- (2) Any increase in the amount of investigation and enforcement costs incurred by the board after January 1, 2006, that exceeds the average costs expended for investigation and enforcement costs during the three fiscal years immediately preceding July 1, 2006. When calculating the amount of costs for services for which the

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1 board paid an hourly rate, the board shall use the average number 2 of hours for which the board paid for those costs over these prior 3 three fiscal years, multiplied by the hourly rate paid by the board 4 for those costs as of July 1, 2005. Beginning January 1, 2009, the 5 board shall instead use the average number of hours for which it 6 paid for those costs over the three-year period of fiscal years 7 2005–06, 2006–07, and 2007–08, multiplied by the hourly rate 8 paid by the board for those costs as of July 1, 2005. In calculating the increase in the amount of investigation and enforcement costs, 10 the board shall include only those costs for which it was eligible 11 to obtain reimbursement under Section 125.3 and shall not include 12 probation monitoring costs and disciplinary costs, including those 13 associated with the citation and fine process and those required to 14 implement subdivision (b) of Section 12529 of the Government 15 Code. 16

(f) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency fee shall be 10 percent of the biennial renewal fee.

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- (g) The duplicate certificate and endorsement fees shall each be fifty dollars (\$50), and the certification and letter of good standing fees shall each be ten dollars (\$10).
- (h) It is the intent of the Legislature that, in setting fees pursuant to this section, the board shall seek to maintain a reserve in the Contingent Fund of the Medical Board of California in an amount not less than two nor more than four months' operating expenditures.
- (i) Not later than January 1, 2012, the Office of State Audits and Evaluations within the Department of Finance shall commence a preliminary review of the board's financial status, including, but not limited to, its projections related to expenses, revenues, and reserves, and the impact of the loan from the Contingent Fund of the Medical Board of California to the General Fund made pursuant to the Budget Act of 2008. The office shall make the results of this review available upon request by June 1, 2012. This review shall be funded from the existing resources of the office during the 2011–12 fiscal year.
- SEC. 4. Section 2538.57 of the Business and Professions Code 36 is amended to read:
 - 2538.57. The amount of fees and penalties prescribed by this article shall be those set forth in this section unless a lower fee is fixed by the board:

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(a) The fee for applicants applying for the first time for a license is seventy-five dollars (\$75), which shall not be refunded, except to applicants who are found to be ineligible to take an examination for a license. Those applicants are entitled to a refund of fifty dollars (\$50).

- (b) The fees for taking or retaking the written and practical examinations shall be amounts fixed by the board, which shall be equal to the actual cost of preparing, grading, analyzing, and administering the examinations.
- (c) The initial temporary license fee is one hundred dollars (\$100). The fee for an initial temporary license shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial temporary license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the initial temporary license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial temporary license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial temporary license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an initial temporary license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50). The fee for renewal of a temporary license is one hundred dollars (\$100) for each renewal.
- (d) The initial permanent license fee is two hundred eighty dollars (\$280). The fee for an initial permanent license shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial permanent license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the initial permanent license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial permanent license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial permanent license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an initial permanent license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed one hundred forty dollars (\$140). The fee for renewal of a permanent license is not more than two hundred eighty dollars (\$280) for each renewal.

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(e) The initial branch office license fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25). The fee for renewal of a branch office license is twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each renewal.

(f) The delinquency fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25).

- (g) The fee for issuance of a replacement license is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (h) The continuing education course approval application fee is fifty dollars (\$50).
- 9 (i) The fee for official certification of licensure is fifteen dollars 10 (\$15).
 - SEC. 5. Section 2570.16 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2570.16. Initial license and renewal fees shall be established by the board in an amount that does not exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per year. The initial license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the initial license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the initial license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this section, excluding the fees described in subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, for an initial license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75). The board shall establish the following additional fees:

- (a) An application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50).
- (b) A late renewal fee as provided for in Section 2570.10.
 - (c) A limited permit fee.
- (d) A fee to collect fingerprints for criminal history record checks.
 - SEC. 6. Section 2688 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2688. The amount of fees assessed in connection with licenses issued under this chapter is as follows:
- (a) (1) The fee for an application for licensure as a physical therapist submitted to the board prior to March 1, 2009, shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75). The fee for an application submitted

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under Section 2653 to the board prior to March 1, 2009, shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).

- (2) The fee for an application for licensure as a physical therapist submitted to the board on or after March 1, 2009, shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125). The fee for an application submitted under Section 2653 to the board on or after March 1, 2009, shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the board may decrease or increase the amount of an application fee under this subdivision to an amount that does not exceed the cost of administering the application process, but in no event shall the application fee amount exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (b) The examination and reexamination fees for the physical therapist examination, physical therapist assistant examination, and the examination to demonstrate knowledge of the California rules and regulations related to the practice of physical therapy shall be the actual cost to the board of the development and writing of, or purchase of, the examination, and grading of each written examination, plus the actual cost of administering each examination. The board, at its discretion, may require the licensure applicant to pay the fee for the examinations required by Section 2636 directly to the organization conducting the examination.
- (c) (1) The fee for a physical therapist license issued prior to March 1, 2009, shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (2) The fee for a physical therapist license issued on or after March 1, 2009, shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the board may decrease or increase the amount of the fee under this subdivision to an amount that does not exceed the cost of administering the process to issue the license, but in no event shall the fee to issue the license exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (4) The fee assessed pursuant to this subdivision for an initial physical therapist license issued on or after January 1, 2015, shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial physical therapist license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total

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amount of the prorated initial physical therapist license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this paragraph for an initial physical therapist license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75).

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- (d) (1) The fee to renew a physical therapist license that expires prior to April 1, 2009, shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (2) The fee to renew a physical therapist license that expires on or after April 1, 2009, shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the board may decrease or increase the amount of the renewal fee under this subdivision to an amount that does not exceed the cost of the renewal process, but in no event shall the renewal fee amount exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (e) (1) The fee for application and for issuance of a physical therapist assistant license shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75) for an application submitted to the board prior to March 1, 2009.
- (2) The fee for application and for issuance of a physical therapist assistant license shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for an application submitted to the board on or after March 1, 2009. The fee for an application submitted under Section 2653 to the board on or after March 1, 2009, shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the board may decrease or increase the amount of the fee under this subdivision to an amount that does not exceed the cost of administering the application process, but in no event shall the application fee amount exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (f) (1) The fee to renew a physical therapist assistant license that expires prior to April 1, 2009, shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (2) The fee to renew a physical therapist assistant license that expires on or after April 1, 2009, shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the board may decrease or increase the amount of the renewal fee under this subdivision to an amount that does not exceed the cost of the renewal process, but in no event shall the renewal fee amount exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- 39 (g) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency fee shall 40 be 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect.

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(h) (1) The duplicate wall certificate fee shall be fifty dollars 2 (\$50). The duplicate renewal receipt fee amount shall be fifty 3 dollars (\$50).

- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may decrease or increase the amount of the fee under this subdivision to an amount that does not exceed the cost of issuing duplicates, but in no event shall that fee exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (i) (1) The endorsement or letter of good standing fee shall be sixty dollars (\$60).
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may decrease or increase the amount of the fee under this subdivision to an amount that does not exceed the cost of issuing an endorsement or letter, but in no event shall the fee amount exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- SEC. 7. Section 2987 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2987. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter shall be determined by the board, and shall be as follows:
- (a) The application fee for a psychologist shall not be more than fifty dollars (\$50).
- The examination and reexamination fees for the examinations shall be the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading of each examination, plus the actual cost to the board of administering each examination.
- (c) The initial license fee is an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the license is issued. The initial license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an initial license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed one-half of the initial license fee.
- (d) The biennial renewal fee for a psychologist shall be four hundred dollars (\$400). The board may increase the renewal fee to an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

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(e) The application fee for registration and supervision of a psychological assistant by a supervisor under Section 2913, which is payable by that supervisor, shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).

- (f) The annual renewal fee for registration of a psychological assistant shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).
 - (g) The duplicate license or registration fee is five dollars (\$5).
- (h) The delinquency fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - (i) The endorsement fee is five dollars (\$5).

Notwithstanding any other law, the board may reduce any fee prescribed by this section, when, in its discretion, the board deems it administratively appropriate.

- SEC. 8. Section 4842.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4842.5. The amount of fees prescribed by this article is that fixed by the following schedule:
- (a) The fee for filing an application for examination shall be set by the board in an amount it determines is reasonably necessary to provide sufficient funds to carry out the purposes of this chapter, not to exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).
- (b) The fee for the California registered veterinary technician examination shall be set by the board in an amount it determines is reasonably necessary to provide sufficient funds to carry out the purposes of this chapter, not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (c) The initial registration fee shall be set by the board at not more than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) and shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial registration that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of registration if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial registration is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of registration and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial registration fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an initial registration that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175). The board may adopt regulations to provide for the waiver or refund of the initial registration fee when the registration is issued less than 45 days before the date on which it will expire.

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(d) The biennial renewal fee shall be set by the board at not more than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).

- (e) The delinquency fee shall be set by the board at not more than fifty dollars (\$50).
- (f) Any charge made for duplication or other services shall be set at the cost of rendering the services.
- (g) The fee for filing an application for approval of a school or institution offering a curriculum for training registered veterinary technicians pursuant to Section 4843 shall be set by the board at an amount not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300). The school or institution shall also pay for the actual costs of an onsite inspection conducted by the board pursuant to Section 2065.6 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, including, but not limited to, the travel, food, and lodging expenses incurred by an inspection team sent by the board.
- (h) The fee for failure to report a change in the mailing address is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- SEC. 9. Section 4905 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4905. The following fees shall be collected by the board and shall be credited to the Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund:
- (a) The fee for filing an application for examination shall be set by the board in an amount it determines is reasonably necessary to provide sufficient funds to carry out the purpose of this chapter, not to exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).
- (b) The fee for the California state board examination shall be set by the board in an amount it determines is reasonably necessary to provide sufficient funds to carry out the purpose of this chapter, not to exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).
- (c) The fee for the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act examination shall be set by the board in an amount it determines reasonably necessary to provide sufficient funds to carry out the purpose of this chapter, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (d) The initial license fee shall be set by the board not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) and shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the

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- 1 license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs.
- 2 The total amount of the prorated initial license fee and any 3 additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision
- 4 for an initial license that expires in less than 12 months shall not
- 5 exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may, by 6 appropriate regulation, provide for the waiver or refund of the

7 initial license fee when the license is issued less than 45 days before 8

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- (e) The renewal fee shall be set by the board for each biennial renewal period in an amount it determines is reasonably necessary to provide sufficient funds to carry out the purpose of this chapter, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (f) The temporary license fee shall be set by the board in an amount it determines is reasonably necessary to provide sufficient funds to carry out the purpose of this chapter, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (g) The delinquency fee shall be set by the board, not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50).
- (h) The fee for issuance of a duplicate license is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (i) Any charge made for duplication or other services shall be set at the cost of rendering the service, except as specified in subdivision (h).
- (j) The fee for failure to report a change in the mailing address is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (k) The initial and annual renewal fees for registration of veterinary premises shall be set by the board in an amount not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400) annually.
- (1) If the money transferred from the Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund to the General Fund pursuant to the Budget Act of 1991 is redeposited into the Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund, the fees assessed by the board shall be reduced correspondingly. However, the reduction shall not be so great as to cause the Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund to have a reserve of less than three months of annual authorized board expenditures. The fees set by the board shall not result in a Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund reserve of more than 10 months of annual authorized board expenditures.
- 39 SEC. 10. Section 4970 of the Business and Professions Code 40 is amended to read:

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4970. The amount of fees prescribed for licensed acupuncturists shall be those set forth in this section unless a lower fee is fixed by the board in accordance with Section 4972:

- (a) The application fee shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (b) The examination and reexamination fees shall be the actual cost to the Acupuncture Board for the development and writing of, grading, and administering of each examination.
- (c) The initial license fee shall be three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325) and shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an initial license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the initial license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated initial license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an initial license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed one hundred sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$162.50).
- (d) The renewal fee shall be three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325) and in the event a lower fee is fixed by the board, shall be an amount sufficient to support the functions of the board in the administration of this chapter. The renewal fee shall be assessed on an annual basis until January 1, 1996, and on and after that date the board shall assess the renewal fee biennially.
- (e) The delinquency fee shall be set in accordance with Section 163.5.
- (f) The application fee for the approval of a school or college under Section 4939 shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000).
- (g) The duplicate wall license fee is an amount equal to the cost to the board for the issuance of the duplicate license.
 - (h) The duplicate renewal receipt fee is ten dollars (\$10).
 - (i) The endorsement fee is ten dollars (\$10).
- 34 (j) The fee for a duplicate license for an additional office 35 location as required under Section 4961 shall be fifteen dollars 36 (\$15).
- 37 SEC. 11. Section 5604 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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5604. The fees prescribed by this chapter for architect applicants or architect licenseholders shall be fixed by the board as follows:

- (a) The application fee for reviewing a candidate's eligibility to take any section of the examination may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (b) The fee for any section of the examination administered by the board may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (c) The fee for an original license at an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect at the time the license is issued. The fee for an original license shall be prorated on a monthly basis. The board may, however, with respect to an original license that expires in less than 12 months, impose an additional fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license if the board makes a determination in writing that the fee for the original license is insufficient to cover the reasonable costs of issuing the license and that the additional fee is necessary to cover those costs. The total amount of the prorated original license fee and any additional fee imposed by the board pursuant to this subdivision for an original license that expires in less than 12 months shall not exceed one-half of the original license fee. The board may, by appropriate regulation, provide for the waiver or refund of the fee for an original license if the license is issued less than 45 days before the date on which it will expire.
- (d) The fee for an application for reciprocity may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (e) The fee for a duplicate license may not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - (f) The renewal fee may not exceed four hundred dollars (\$400).
- (g) The delinquency fee may not exceed 50 percent of the renewal fee.
- (h) The fee for a retired license may not exceed the fee prescribed in subdivision (c).
- SEC. 12. Section 1.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1724 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and Senate Bill 1416. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2015, (2) each bill amends Section 1724 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Senate Bill

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- 1 1416, in which case Section 1 of this bill shall not become
- 2 operative.