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## MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 12, 2015
то	Board of Psychology Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	AB 483 (Patterson) Healing Arts: Initial License Fees: Proration

## Background:

## -AB 483 (Patterson) Healing Arts: Initial License Fees: Proration

SUMMARY: Requires that the fees for licensure of various professions and vocations, including healing arts, imposed by certain provisions for an initial license, an initial temporary or permanent license, an original license, be prorated on a monthly basis. Requires that the fee assessed on osteopathic physicians and surgeons for renewal be prorated on a monthly basis.

LOCATION: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. \*\*\*\*\*To SENATE. (78 0).

## Action Requested:

The staff recommendation is to continue to watch AB 483 (Patterson).

Attachment A is the language of AB 483.



**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 is five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$525). The fee for an initial license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis.

(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.

(I) The fee for application for a referral service permit and for renewal of that permit shall not exceed twentyfive 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. 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.

(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.

(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 or approval of course requirements for licensure or procedures that require additional training shall not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

(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).

(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 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).

(I) The fees in this section shall not exceed an amount sufficient to cover the reasonable regulatory cost of carrying out 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.

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

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

(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. SEC. 3. Section 2456.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

**2456.1.** (a) All osteopathic physician's and surgeon's certificates shall expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the birth month of the licensee during the second year of a two-year term if not renewed on or before that day.

(b) The board shall establish by regulation procedures for the administration of a birth date renewal program, including, but not limited to, the establishment of a system of staggered license expiration dates such that a relatively equal number of licenses expire monthly.

(c) To renew an unexpired license, the licensee shall, on or before the dates on which it would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and pay the prescribed renewal fee.

(d) The fee assessed pursuant to this section shall be prorated on a monthly basis.

SEC. 5. SEC. 4. Section 2538.57 of the Business and Professions Code 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:

(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 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 fee for renewal of a permanent license is not more than two hundred eighty dollars (\$280) for each renewal.

(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).

(i) The fee for official certification of licensure is fifteen dollars (\$15).

SEC. 6. 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 a ceiling of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per year. The initial license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis. 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. 7. 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 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, 2016, shall be prorated on a monthly basis.

(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).

(g) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency fee shall be 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect.

(h) (1) The duplicate wall certificate fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50). The duplicate renewal receipt fee amount shall be fifty 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.-8. SEC. 7. Section 4842.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

**4842.5.** The amount of fees prescribed by this article is 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).

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(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 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.

(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. SEC. 8. 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, by appropriate regulation, may provide for the waiver or refund of the initial license fee when the license is issued less than 45 days before the date on which it will expire.

(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.

(I) 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.

SEC. 10.SEC. 9. Section 4970 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

**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.

(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). This subdivision shall become inoperative on January 1, 2017.

(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).

(j) The fee for a duplicate license for an additional office location as required under Section 4961 shall be fifteen dollars (\$15).

SEC. 11. SEC. 10. Section 5604 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

**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 shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

(b) The fee for any section of the examination administered by the board shall 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, by appropriate regulation, may 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 shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

(e) The fee for a duplicate license shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(f) The renewal fee shall not exceed four hundred dollars (\$400).

(g) The delinquency fee shall not exceed 50 percent of the renewal fee.

(h) The fee for a retired license shall not exceed the fee prescribed in subdivision (c).

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