

Agenda Item # 7.5

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Consideration of Proposed Amendment to § 223.1 (Fees), Jurisprudence Exam Fee

The Staff is requesting that the Board set a “not to exceed” fee for the jurisprudence exam. At this time, the jurisprudence exam is being developed inhouse by staff and iBridge Group. Staff anticipate that the board will be able to absorb all development and maintenance costs at this time but would like the option to charge a fee if it is deemed necessary at a later date. Staff will evaluate the costs of the jurisprudence examination on March 1, 2009 and then again on August 31, 2009.

Staff recommendation:

The Board move to propose the amendment to section 223.1, relating to fees, and publish in the *Texas Register* for a 30-day comment period. If no comments are received in response to the fee change, adopt the amendment as proposed.

§ 223.1. Fees.

(a) The Texas Board of Nursing has established reasonable and necessary fees for the administration of its functions.

(1) - (23) (No change.)

(24) Nursing Jurisprudence Examination Fee: not to exceed \$25.

(b) (No change.)

Proposed Amendments to 22 TAC §223.1 Fees

(a) The Texas Board of Nursing has established reasonable and necessary fees for the administration of its functions.

- (1) Examination: \$100;
- (2) Endorsement: \$161;
- (3) Licensure renewal (each biennium):
 - (A) Registered Nurse (RN): \$65; and
 - (B) Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN): \$55;
- (4) reactivating from inactive status:
 - (A) less than four years--\$10 plus current renewal fee;
 - (B) more than four years--\$20 plus current renewal fee;
- (5) late fee for reactivation from delinquent status:
 - (A) less than 90 days--\$60 plus current licensure renewal fee;
 - (B) more than 90 days--\$120 plus current licensure renewal fee;
- (6) duplicate or substitute license: \$25;
- (7) duplicate or substitute permanent certificate: \$25;
- (8) issuance of a temporary permit under §301.258: \$25;
- (9) approval of new nursing education programs: \$500;
- (10) verification of licensure: \$5;
- (11) verification of records: \$25;
- (12) bad checks: \$30;
- (13) Advanced Practice Nurse initial credentials: \$100;
- (14) declaratory order of eligibility: \$150;
- (15) eligibility determination: \$150;
- (16) docketing fee in non disciplinary matters: \$600;
- (17) Licensed Vocational Nurse, Retired; Registered Nurse, Retired; Volunteer Retired Vocational Nurse (VR-VN); Volunteer Retired Registered Nurse (VR-RN); Volunteer Retired Registered Nurse (VR-RN) with qualifications in a given advanced practice nurse role and specialty (e.g., VR-RN, FNP): \$10;
- (18) Advanced Practice Nurse renewal: \$60;
- (19) Initial Prescriptive Authority: \$50;
- (20) outpatient anesthesia registry renewal: \$35;
- (21) outpatient anesthesia inspection and advisory opinion: \$625;

(22) fee for Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and Department of Public Safety (DPS) criminal background check for licensees, initial licensure applicants and endorsement applicants as determined by fees imposed by the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division and the Texas Department of Public Safety;

(23) Disciplinary monitoring fees as stated in a Board order; and

(24) Nursing Jurisprudence Examination fee: not to exceed \$25.00.

(b) All fees are non-refundable.