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By Representatives Heavey, R. King and G. Cole; by request of
Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to business licenses; amending RCW 19.02.020,
2 19.02.075, 19.02.080, 19.02.085, and 19.80.075; adding a new section to
3 chapter 19.02 RCW; repealing RCW 19.80.035; and providing an effective
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.02.020 and 1982 c 182 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the
9 following meanings:

10 (1) "System" means the mechanism by which master licenses are
11 issued and renewed, license and regulatory information is disseminated,
12 and account data is exchanged by the agencies;

1 (2) "Business license center" means the business registration and
2 licensing center established by this chapter and located in and under
3 the administrative control of the department of licensing;

4 (3) "Board of review" means the body established to review policies
5 and rules adopted by the department of licensing for carrying out the
6 provisions of this chapter;

7 (4) "Master application" means a document incorporating pertinent
8 data from existing applications for licenses covered under this
9 chapter;

10 (5) "Master license" means the single document designed for public
11 display issued by the business license center which certifies state
12 agency license approval and which incorporates the endorsements for
13 individual licenses included in the master license system, which the
14 state requires for any person subject to this chapter;

15 (6) "License" means the whole or part of any agency permit,
16 license, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or any form or
17 permission required by law, including agency rule, to engage in any
18 activity;

19 (7) "Regulatory" means all licensing and other governmental or
20 statutory requirements pertaining to business or professional
21 activities;

22 (8) "Person" means any individual, sole proprietorship,
23 partnership, association, cooperative, corporation, nonprofit
24 organization, state or local government agency, and any other
25 organization required to register with the state to do business in the
26 state and to obtain one or more licenses from the state or any of its
27 agencies;

28 (9) "Director" means the director of licensing;

29 (10) "Department" means the department of licensing; ((and))

1 (11) "Regulatory agency" means any state agency, board, commission,
2 or division which regulates one or more professions, occupations,
3 industries, businesses, or activities; and

4 (12) "Renewal application" means a document used to collect
5 pertinent data for renewal of licenses covered under this chapter.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.02.075 and 1990 c 264 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 ~~((The department shall collect a handling fee of twelve dollars on~~
9 ~~each original master license issued. The handling fees collected under~~
10 ~~this section shall be deposited in the general fund.)) Effective June
11 1, 1992, the department shall collect handling fees for all master
12 licensing services. The department shall collect a handling fee of
13 seventeen dollars on each master application and ten dollars on each
14 renewal application processed. The handling fees collected under this
15 section shall be deposited in the master licensing fund.~~

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.02.080 and 1982 c 182 s 7 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 All fees collected under the system shall be deposited with the
19 state treasurer. Upon issuance or renewal of the master license or
20 supplemental licenses, the department shall distribute the fees, except
21 for fees covered under section 4 of this act, to the appropriate
22 accounts under the applicable statutes for those agencies' licenses.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 19.02 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 The master licensing fund is created in the state treasury. All
26 receipts from handling and master license delinquency fees shall be
27 deposited into the fund. Moneys in the fund may be spent only after

1 appropriation beginning in fiscal year 1993. Expenditures from the
2 fund may be used only for defraying the costs of the master licensing
3 services program.

4 **Sec. 5.** RCW 19.02.085 and 1989 c 170 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 To encourage timely renewal by applicants, a master license
7 delinquency fee shall be imposed on licensees who fail to renew by the
8 master license expiration date. The master license delinquency fee
9 shall be the lesser of one hundred fifty dollars or fifty percent of a
10 base comprised of the licensee's renewal fee minus corporate licensing
11 taxes, corporation annual report fee, and any interest fees or
12 penalties charged for late taxes or corporate renewals. The master
13 license delinquency fee shall be added to the renewal fee and paid by
14 the licensee before a master license shall be renewed. The delinquency
15 fee shall be deposited in the (~~general~~) master licensing fund.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 19.80.075 and 1984 c 130 s 9 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 All fees collected by the department of licensing under this
19 chapter shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the
20 (~~general~~) master licensing fund.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 19.80.035 and 1985 c 88 s 1 & 1984
22 c 130 s 4 are each repealed.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act shall take effect June 1, 1992.