

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6632**

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66th Legislature  
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BUSINESS LICENSING SERVICE PROGRAM--FUNDING

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2020

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2020

Yeas 27 Nays 21

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 7, 2020

Yeas 80 Nays 17

LURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved March 25, 2020 3:51 PM

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6632** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

March 26, 2020

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Takko; by request of Department of Revenue)

READ FIRST TIME 02/11/20.

1       AN ACT Relating to providing additional funding for the business  
2       licensing service program administered by the department of revenue;  
3       amending RCW 19.02.075; and providing an effective date.

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

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.02.075 and 2013 c 144 s 20 are each amended to  
6       read as follows:

7       ~~((The))~~ (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the  
8       department must collect a handling fee on each business license  
9       application and each renewal application filing. The department must  
10      set the amount of the handling fees by rule, as authorized by RCW  
11      19.02.030. The handling fees may not exceed ~~((nineteen dollars for~~  
12      ~~each business license application, and eleven))~~ ninety dollars for  
13      each business license application filed by any person to open or  
14      reopen a business, ten dollars for each business license renewal  
15      application filing, and nineteen dollars for each business license  
16      application filed for any other purpose. Handling fees collected  
17      under this section must be deposited in the business license account  
18      created under RCW 19.02.210.

19      (b) No handling fee is collected on a business license  
20      application filed by an existing business for the following purposes:

21      (i) To open an additional location; or

1 (ii) To obtain a nonresident city endorsement.

2 (2) The department may increase all handling ((and renewal)) fees  
3 within the limits provided in this section for the purposes of  
4 defraying the department's costs associated with the administration  
5 of this chapter, including making improvements in the business  
6 licensing service program, ((including)) such as improvements in  
7 technology and customer services, expanded access, and  
8 infrastructure.

9 (3) Annually, by the last day of September, beginning September  
10 30, 2023, the department must review the business license account  
11 balance at the end of the previous fiscal year. If the balance in the  
12 account exceeds one million dollars or the department projects that  
13 the balance in the business license account will exceed one million  
14 dollars at the end of the current fiscal year, the department must  
15 reduce one or more of the handling fees authorized in subsection (1)  
16 of this section. Handling fees must be reduced under this subsection  
17 (3) to the extent the department determines necessary to result in a  
18 balance in the business license account of no more than one million  
19 dollars at the end of the next fiscal year as projected by the  
20 department. This subsection (3) does not require the department to  
21 reduce handling fees more than once in any fiscal year.

22 (4) In increasing or decreasing any fee under this section, the  
23 department may round the adjusted fee to the nearest whole dollar  
24 that does not exceed the dollar limits in subsection (1) of this  
25 section.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2020.

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