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By Representatives Macri, Graves, Robinson, and Riccelli

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1 AN ACT Relating to online access to health care resources via  
2 HEALWA; and amending RCW 43.70.110.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.110 and 2015 c 77 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The secretary shall charge fees to the licensee for obtaining  
7 a license. Physicians regulated pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW who  
8 reside and practice in Washington and obtain or renew a retired  
9 active license are exempt from such fees. (~~After June 30, 1995,~~)  
10 Municipal corporations providing emergency medical care and  
11 transportation services pursuant to chapter 18.73 RCW shall be exempt  
12 from such fees, provided that such other emergency services shall  
13 only be charged for their pro rata share of the cost of licensure and  
14 inspection, if appropriate. The secretary may waive the fees when, in  
15 the discretion of the secretary, the fees would not be in the best  
16 interest of public health and safety, or when the fees would be to  
17 the financial disadvantage of the state.

18 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, fees  
19 charged shall be based on, but shall not exceed, the cost to the  
20 department for the licensure of the activity or class of activities  
21 and may include costs of necessary inspection.

1 (3) License fees shall include amounts in addition to the cost of  
2 licensure activities in the following circumstances:

3 (a) For registered nurses and licensed practical nurses licensed  
4 under chapter 18.79 RCW, support of a central nursing resource center  
5 as provided in RCW 18.79.202;

6 (b) For all health care providers licensed under RCW 18.130.040,  
7 the cost of regulatory activities for retired volunteer medical  
8 worker licensees as provided in RCW 18.130.360; and

9 (c) For physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, physician  
10 assistants licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, osteopathic physicians  
11 licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, osteopathic physicians' assistants  
12 licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, naturopaths licensed under chapter  
13 18.36A RCW, podiatrists licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW,  
14 chiropractors licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW, psychologists  
15 licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW, registered nurses and licensed  
16 practical nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, optometrists  
17 licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW, mental health counselors licensed  
18 under chapter 18.225 RCW, massage therapists licensed under chapter  
19 18.108 RCW, advanced social workers licensed under chapter 18.225  
20 RCW, independent clinical social workers and independent clinical  
21 social worker associates licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW, midwives  
22 licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW, marriage and family therapists and  
23 marriage and family therapist associates licensed under chapter  
24 18.225 RCW, occupational therapists and occupational therapy  
25 assistants licensed under chapter 18.59 RCW, dietitians and  
26 nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138 RCW, speech-language  
27 pathologists licensed under chapter 18.35 RCW, ~~((and))~~ East Asian  
28 medicine practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW, and  
29 veterinarians and veterinary technicians licensed under chapter 18.92  
30 RCW, the license fees shall include up to an additional twenty-five  
31 dollars to be transferred by the department to the University of  
32 Washington for the purposes of RCW 43.70.112.

33 (4) Department of health advisory committees may review fees  
34 established by the secretary for licenses and comment upon the  
35 appropriateness of the level of such fees.

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