
HOUSE BILL 2172

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By Representatives Inslee and Grant.

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1 AN ACT Relating to certification for sex offender treatment
2 providers; amending RCW 43.70.250; creating a new section; and making
3 an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that public safety
6 requires that mental health professionals who evaluate and treat sex
7 offenders be properly trained and certified under chapter 18.155 RCW to
8 assure competence in this area of practice. The legislature also finds
9 that a relatively small number of mental health professionals are
10 needed for the evaluation and treatment of sex offenders and that
11 requiring fees to be set for certification of these mental health
12 professionals according to RCW 43.70.250 would be unduly burdensome and
13 would discourage such mental health professionals from becoming trained
14 and certified in this area of practice.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.70.250 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 319 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (1) It shall be the policy of the state of Washington that the cost
4 of each professional, occupational, or business licensing program be
5 fully borne by the members of that profession, occupation, or business.
6 The secretary shall from time to time establish the amount of all
7 application fees, license fees, registration fees, examination fees,
8 permit fees, renewal fees, and any other fee associated with licensing
9 or regulation of professions, occupations, or businesses administered
10 by the department. In fixing said fees, the secretary shall set the
11 fees for each program at a sufficient level to defray the costs of
12 administering that program. All such fees shall be fixed by rule
13 adopted by the secretary in accordance with the provisions of the
14 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

15 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, no fee for
16 midwives, as licensed in chapter 18.50 RCW may be increased by more
17 than one hundred dollars or fifty percent, whichever is greater during
18 any biennium.

19 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the secretary
20 shall reduce the fees for certification of sex offender treatment
21 providers in an amount commensurate with any legislative appropriation
22 made for the purpose of reducing the cost to the department of
23 certification of sex offender treatment providers.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars,
25 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
26 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the department
27 of health for the purpose of reducing the cost of certification of sex
28 offender treatment providers under chapter 18.155 RCW.