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By Senators Oemig, Pridemore, Zarelli, Hobbs, Kohl-Welles, Keiser,  
and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing certain health professions' license  
2 fees; and amending RCW 43.70.250.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.250 and 2006 c 72 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, it shall  
7 be the policy of the state of Washington that the cost of each  
8 professional, occupational, or business licensing program be fully  
9 borne by the members of that profession, occupation, or business. The  
10 secretary shall from time to time establish the amount of all  
11 application fees, license fees, registration fees, examination fees,  
12 permit fees, renewal fees, and any other fee associated with licensing  
13 or regulation of professions, occupations, or businesses administered  
14 by the department. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this  
15 section, in fixing said fees, the secretary shall set the fees for each  
16 program at a sufficient level to defray the costs of administering that  
17 program and the cost of regulating licensed volunteer medical workers  
18 in accordance with RCW 18.130.360, except as provided in RCW 18.79.202

1 until June 30, 2013. All such fees shall be fixed by rule adopted by  
2 the secretary in accordance with the provisions of the administrative  
3 procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

4 (2)(a) For any profession that the secretary determines meets the  
5 criteria in (b) of this subsection, the secretary shall establish the  
6 amount of license fees and renewal fees at a rate not to exceed the  
7 lesser of ten percent of the cost of administering credentialing and  
8 disciplinary activities for the program or one hundred dollars per  
9 year.

10 (b) The secretary shall determine that a profession qualifies for  
11 the alternative fee when the profession:

12 (i) Is a licensed profession;

13 (ii) Has fewer than two hundred fifty license holders in the  
14 profession;

15 (iii) The total cost of administering credentialing and  
16 disciplinary activities for the profession exceeds two thousand five  
17 hundred dollars for each license holder in the profession; and

18 (iv) The secretary finds that the services provided by the  
19 profession result in proven cost savings to the health care system.

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