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**SHB 1568** - H AMD **169**

By Representative Chambers

**WITHDRAWN 03/07/2023**

 On page 1, line 11, after "current renewal fee" insert ", and is exempt from any continuing education requirement imposed as a precondition for returning to active status,"

 On page 2, line 9, after "fee" insert ", and is exempt from any continuing education requirement imposed as a precondition for returning to active status,"

 On page 7, after line 28, insert the following:

"**Sec. 9.** RCW 43.70.250 and 2019 c 415 s 966 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It shall be the policy of the state of Washington that the cost of each professional, occupational, or business licensing program be fully borne by the members of that profession, occupation, or business.

(2) The secretary shall from time to time establish the amount of all application fees, license fees, registration fees, examination fees, permit fees, renewal fees, and any other fee associated with licensing or regulation of professions, occupations, or businesses administered by the department. Any and all fees or assessments, or both, levied on the state to cover the costs of the operations and activities of the interstate health professions licensure compacts with participating authorities listed under chapter 18.130 RCW shall be borne by the persons who hold licenses issued pursuant to the authority and procedures established under the compacts. In fixing said fees, the secretary shall set the fees for each program at a sufficient level to defray the costs of administering that program and the cost of regulating licensed volunteer medical workers in accordance with RCW 18.130.360, except as provided in RCW 18.79.202. ((~~In no case may the secretary increase a licensing fee for an ambulatory surgical facility licensed under chapter 70.230 RCW during the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, nor may he or she commence the adoption of rules to increase a licensing fee during the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.~~))

(3) In no case may the secretary increase a licensing or renewal fee for a home care aide certified under chapter 18.88B RCW during the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium. If the requirements of this subsection create a revenue shortfall for the home care aide certification program, the secretary shall submit a budget request to address the shortfall to the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature.

(4) All ((~~such~~)) fees established under this section shall be fixed by rule adopted by the secretary in accordance with the provisions of the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW."

 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

 On page 7, beginning on line 29, strike all of section 9

 Correct the title.

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|  |  EFFECT:  Exempts a person whose nursing assistant or home care aide certificate has been expired for more than six months but less than two years from any continuing education requirement imposed as a precondition for returning to active status. Prohibits the Department of Health (DOH) from increasing licensing fees for home care aides during the 2023-2025 biennium and requires the DOH to submit a budget request to the Legislature if there is a resulting revenue shortfall. Restores the requirement that a long-term care worker meet minimum training requirements within 120 calendar days after the date of being hired (the underlying bill extends this period to 200 days).  |

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