Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.
Purpose: The purpose of this rule making is to adopt a 5.79 percent fee increase for labor and industries' (L&I) contractor registration program. This is the office of financial management's maximum allowable fiscal growth factor rate for fiscal year 2022. A fee increase is needed to ensure the program remains consistent with fee increases as required by statute and to help improve the program's fund balance. The last fiscal growth factor fee increase was in 2019.

The contractor registration program registers contractors to ensure that all general and specialty contractors operating in Washington state have appropriate bonding and insurance. RCW 18.27.075 requires L&I to charge a fee for issuing or renewing a certificate of registration and to revise the fee at least once every two years for the purposes of recognizing economic changes as reflected by the fiscal growth factor under chapter 43.135 RCW.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 296-200A-900.
Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 18.27 RCW.
Adopted under notice filed as WSR 22-01-194 on December 21, 2021.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.
Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.
Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.
Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.
Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.
Date Adopted: March 22, 2022.

Joel Sacks
Director

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-24-102, filed 12/4/18, effective 1/4/19)

WAC 296-200A-900  What fees does the department charge contractors for issuance, renewal, reregistration, and reinstatement of certificates of registration?  The department charges the following fees:
(1) ((($117.90)) $124.70 for each issuance, renewal or reregistration of a certificate of registration for contractors. This registra-
tion is valid for two years from date of issuance, renewal or reregistration or until it is suspended or revoked.

(2) ($55.70) $58.90 for the reinstatement of a certificate of registration.

(3) ($13.10) $13.80 for providing a duplicate certificate of registration.

(4) ($26.60) $28.10 for each requested certified letter prepared by the department.

(5) ($168.40) $178.10 for the construction and electrical contractor listing publication on CD ROM per year, prorated according to the number of issues left in the subscription year, which runs from November 1 through October 31. Each issue costs ($14.00) $14.80.

(6) ($2.00) $2.10 per copy for documents copied from a contractor's file. The maximum copy charge for copies from one contractor's file will be ($29.20) $30.80.

(7) ($52.00) $55.00 is required to cover the costs for the service of process in an action against a contractor, the contractor's bond, or the deposit under RCW 18.27.040.

(8) ($26.00) $27.50 is required to cover the costs for the service of processing refunds.