

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. D. Edwards  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Devlin

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 20 – 0 – 1

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields  
– Nays:  
– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett, Winters  
– Nays:  
– Exc: Devlin

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Meeting Date: 4/20/07

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides legislative ratification of fee changes (detailed below) implemented administratively by the Health Licensing Agency during the interim.

	Old Fee	New Fee	Effective Date
<b><u>Cosmetology:</u></b>			
Practitioner’s License – original*	\$50	\$33	July 1, 2005
Practitioner’s License – renewal*	\$50	\$33	July 1, 2005
Examination	\$15	\$25	March 1, 2006
<b><u>Denturist:</u></b>			
Practitioner’s License – original	\$495	\$695	January 1, 2006
Practitioner’s License – renewal	\$495	\$695	January 1, 2006

\* The new fee is for each of the four Cosmetology fields of practice – Facial Technology, Nail Technology, Hair Design, and Barbering. The old fee was a flat fee.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The agency’s 2007-09 budget assumes continuation of the fee increases which are expected to generate approximately \$500,000.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2003 Legislature approve the Cosmetology license fee change – moving from a “bundled” fee to a “field of practice” fee structure. The agency originally anticipated a January 2005 effective date; however due to implementation challenges – particularly programming changes, the new fee structure was not implemented until July 2005. According to data provided by the agency, approximately 46% of Cosmetology licensees hold licenses for two or more fields of practice.

The increase in the Cosmetology exam fee was needed to cover the cost of switching to the standardized national exam provided by the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology.

The Denturist license fee increase was needed to cover a cash deficit that than been accumulating over several years due to increased enforcement activity.