

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Boone
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Gordly

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 19 – 2 – 0

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

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

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Meeting Date: 4/27/07

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the maximum certification fee for certified nursing assistants from \$40 to \$75. The Board of Nursing anticipates raising the fees for CNA certification from \$40 to \$60 and the renewal fee from \$40 to \$50. This will raise an additional \$170,000 in the 2007-09 biennium. The fees will be raised through the administrative rule process and will require the prior approval of the Department of Administrative Services and retroactive approval from the 2009-11 Legislature. The additional revenue will bolster the Board's ending balance and no additional limitation is contemplated.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Stakeholder input
- Exam fee subsidization of certification and renewal fees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The fees on CNA certification and renewals were last raised in 2003. Since that time Federal matching funds have decreased and program costs have increased. The Board has had the ability to raise the fees for certification exams but not the issuance and renewal of CNA certifications. The fees from CNA exams have helped support the costs of the CNA certificate and renewal programs.