

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 19 – 1 – 2

House

Yeas: Buckley, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: D. Edwards

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Johnson, Monroe, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: Nelson

Exc: Girod

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Meeting Date: April 3, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the fees charged by the Board of Clinical Social Workers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Percentage changes in the fees
- Effects of the amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds Application Fee of \$150, adds Criminal Background Check Fee of \$50, and changes Initial Licensing Fee from \$150 to \$130.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 5509 is the fee ratification bill for the Board of Clinical Social Workers. The Board oversees a voluntary licensing program for individuals who want to use the title “licensed clinical social worker.” The Board is responsible for developing and enforcing ethical standards for licensed individuals; investigating complaints; and disciplining licensed individuals who violate ethical standards, Board rules, or state licensing laws. The seven-member board is appointed by the Governor and composed of four licensed clinical social workers and three public members. The increased revenue will support a Compliance Specialist 2 (1.00 FTE) limited duration position to help ease the backlog in complaints. Any additional revenue over and above that needed for the new position will go towards the ending balance to cover future needs of the Board and delay any additional fee increases that may be necessary.