

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Komp
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Edwards

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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

Vote: 22 – 0 – 3

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson,
G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc: Freeman

Senate

Yeas: Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Bates, Nelson

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Meeting Date: May 6, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Senate Bill 177 (2009) created two new categories of Social Worker licenses, and made Social Worker licensure mandatory rather than voluntary. The bill ratifies license and renewal fees for the two new Social Worker license types created in Senate Bill 177 (2009). The bill also has an increase in the late fee charged when Social Worker license renewals are submitted late. The late fee increase is not designed to raise revenue but is intended to act as a deterrent to late license renewals. This fee is expected to generate approximately \$1,800. The new license fees are expected to generate approximately \$107,500 in Other Fund revenues.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The need to establish a deterrent for late renewals.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

The amendment adjusts the late fee for renewing a Social Worker license from \$330 to \$200.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 177 (2009) created two new categories of Social Worker licenses, and made Social Worker licensure mandatory rather than voluntary. House Bill 5009-A ratifies license and renewal fees for the two new Social Worker license types created in Senate Bill 177 (2009). The bill also has an increase in the late fee charged when Social Worker license renewals are submitted late.