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Dear licensees and interested parties:

Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The division proposes an increase in licensing fee amounts in order to comply with the statute listed above, as well as to continue to deliver its current level of service for the Acupuncturist licensing program. The program has been in deficit since 2013 and the deficit is anticipated to grow to (\$39,090) by the end of FY2019 if no fee changes are made. The fees were increased in FY2017, however, the increase was not sufficient to keep up with the rise in expenses. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the proposed increase will stabilize the program for the foreseeable future and will prevent the need for an even larger increase later.

For breakdown between revenue and expenses for the past five years, visit the division homepage annual reports at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/5/pub/annualreports2018/LegislativeReport-ByProfession-FY18.pdf>. The Acupuncture program is located on Page 2.

The proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the program's web page at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/Acupuncturists.aspx>.

This fee proposal is entering a public comment period. The division encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this proposal through the division's Regulations Specialist, whose contact information is enclosed on the public notice. After the comment period closes and the division reviews all comments received, the division may adopt the regulation as drafted, may amend a proposed fee, or may withdraw the regulations in part or in its whole.

All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in the fee to be implemented during the upcoming license renewal.

Follow the instructions enclosed to make written comments during the public comment period. Comments must be addressed to Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811 or regulationsandpubliccomment@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janey McCullough".

Janey McCullough, Director
Encl.

Chapter 02. General Occupational Licensing Functions.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 02.108 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.108. Acupuncturists. The following fees are established for acupuncturists:

- (1) application fee for initial license, \$200;
- (2) license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$325** [\$225];
- (3) biennial license renewal fee, **\$325** [\$225]. (Eff. 5/20/92, Register 122; am

5/28/93, Register 126; am 9/11/94, Register 131; am 7/25/96, Register 139; am 8/10/2000, Register 155; am 8/26/2004, Register 171; am 7/20/2006, Register 179; am 8/24/16, Register 219; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 08.01.010 AS 08.06.030 AS 08.06.100
AS 08.01.065