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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 conducted a thorough fee analysis and proposes a <u>decrease</u> in licensing fee amounts for the Athletic Trainers program to comply with AS 08.01.065. HB 160 enacted the Athletic Trainers program effective September 16, 2014. Because the costs of the program were to be spread across such a small number of licensees, the initial fees were proposed based on the known costs of similarly sized licensing programs. The division has been able to hold down costs, administering the program at far less expense than anticipated. To that end, we recommend reducing licensing fees this time.

The proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the program's web page: http://professionallicense.alaska.gov/AthleticTrainers

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. 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 whole.

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

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

Sincerely,

Sara Chambers Division Director