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Notice of Proposed Changes to Occupational Licensing Fees to add fees for Respiratory Care Practitioners

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 02.397. Respiratory care practitioners The proposed changes will add fees for the new program for respiratory care practitioners. This program is being added due to the passing of Chapter 28, SLA 2026 (HB 110). The fees will be for a nonrefundable application fee, the initial license fee, and the renewal fee for the newly regulated profession.

2. What are the proposed fees?

The nonrefundable initial application fee will be a one-time fee of \$150.

The initial license fee will be \$200.

The biennial license renewal fee will be \$200.

3. When does this program go into effect?

The respiratory care practitioner program will go into effect as soon as possible after the bill goes into effect on January 1, 2027.

4. How are the estimated costs determined?

AS 08.01.065 requires *all costs* of regulating the profession to be borne by its licensees. The proposed fees are based on known and anticipated costs.

5. What do licensing fees pay for?

Professional license fees fund all activities required to administer and regulate a profession, including processing applications and renewals, maintaining records and systems, conducting investigations, audits, supporting enforcement and disciplinary actions, and covering board operations such as meetings, travel, legal assistance, and regulatory development. Because

licensing programs must be financially self-sustaining, these fees ensure the full cost of oversight, regulation, and program stability is paid by the licensees themselves.

5. When will the new fees be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Department for consideration. The Department may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Department action, the adopted regulations go to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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