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Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. **What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will these regulations do? What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?**

   The proposed changes will increase the following fees:

   For pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, pharmacies, wholesale drug distributors, drug dispensaries, outsourcing facilities, third-party logistics providers, and manufacturers:

   - Nonrefundable application fee for initial license (except that the fee for pharmacy technicians is $0): from $100 to $200
   - Pharmacy intern license fee: from $30 to $50

   The license fees for all or part of the initial biennial licensing period and subsequent biennial license renewal fees for:

   - Pharmacists: from $100 to $200
   - Wholesale drug distributors: from $425 to $600
   - A pharmacy: from $200 to $350
   - A drug room: from $150 to $350
   - A remote pharmacy: from $200 to $350
   - An outsourcing facility: from $550 to $600
   - A third-party logistics provider: from $550 to $600
   - A manufacturer: from $550 to $600

2. **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.

3. **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.

4. 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 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. Regulations take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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