



## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

### SB 225: Occupational Licensing Fees

*Version A*

**Section 1** Amends AS 08.01.065(a) – under *Centralized Licensing: Establishment of Fees* – to remove investigations fees from the costs the department must cover with professional licensure fees.

**Section 2** Amends AS 08.01.065(c) – under *Centralized Licensing: Establishment of Fees* – to make conforming changes by removing the subsection’s definition of “regulatory costs” to conform to the changes in Section 3. The current definition in this section is costs of the department that are attributable to regulation of an occupation plus all expenses of the board that regulates the occupation if the board regulates only one occupation, or expenses of a board attributable to the occupation if the board regulates more than one occupation.

**Section 3** Adds a new subsection (j) to AS 08.01.065 – *Centralized Licensing: Establishment of Fees* – which defines “regulatory costs” to mean “costs of the department that are attributable to regulation of an occupation, including all expenses of a board that regulates the occupation if the board regulates only one occupation or the expenses of a board that are attributable to the occupation if the board regulates more than one occupation. In this section, ‘regulatory costs’ does not include costs attributable to disciplinary investigations and actions involving a person engaged in an unlicensed practice or legal and actual costs associated with complaints, hearings, mediation, and settlement.

**Section 4** Amends AS 08.13.090 – *Barbers and Hairdressers: Fees* – to make conforming changes by removing the requirement for the department to set fees under AS 08.01.065 for investigations.

**Section 5** Amends AS 08.61.090 – *Massage Therapists: Fees* – to make conforming changes by removing the requirement for the department to set fees under AS 08.01.065 for investigations.

**Section 6** Amends AS 08.62.040(a) – under *Marine Pilots: Powers, Duties, and Limitations* – to make conforming changes by removing investigative fees from the regulations the Board of Marine Pilots must adopt regulations to set the criteria for concurring the amount of investigation fees proposed by the department under AS 08.01.065.

**Section 7** Amends AS 08.62.140(a) – under *Marine Pilots: Fees* – to make conforming changes by removing investigation fees from the fees the department sets under AS 08.01.065.

**Section 8** Amends AS 08.70.150 – under *Nursing Home Administrator: Fees* – to make conforming changes by removing fees for investigations from the fees set by the department under AS 08.01.065.

**Section 9** Amends AS 08.80.160 – under *Pharmacists and Pharmacies: Fees* – to make conforming changes by replacing “investigation” with “evaluation” to clarify that where the department is required to set fees for “investigation for licensing by license transfer” under AS 08.01.065, that refers to evaluations of Alaska licensure by license transfer.

**Section 10** Amends AS 08.98.190 – under *Veterinarians: Fees* – to make conforming changes by replacing “investigation” with “evaluation” to clarify that where the department is required to set fees for “investigation of credentials” under AS 08.01.065, that actually refers to evaluation of credentials.

**Section 11** Provides a July 1, 2024 effective date.