

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 385(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/26/24**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to occupational licensing fees."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.01.065(c) is amended to read:

4           (c) Except as provided in (f) - (k) of this section, the department shall establish  
5 fee levels under (a) of this section so that the total amount of fees collected for an  
6 occupation approximately equals the actual regulatory costs for the occupation. The  
7 department shall annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory  
8 costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that  
9 occupation. If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory  
10 costs are not approximately equal **for a reason other than fees being reduced under**  
11 **(l) of this section**, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations  
12 under (a) of this section to implement the adjustments. In January of each year, the  
13 department shall report on all fee levels and revisions for the previous year under this  
14 subsection to the office of management and budget. If a board regulates an occupation  
15 covered by this chapter, the department shall consider the board's recommendations

1 concerning the occupation's fee levels and regulatory costs before revising fee  
2 schedules to comply with this subsection. In this subsection, "regulatory costs" means  
3 costs of the department that are attributable to regulation of an occupation plus

4 (1) all expenses of the board that regulates the occupation if the board  
5 regulates only one occupation;

6 (2) the expenses of a board that are attributable to the occupation if the  
7 board regulates more than one occupation.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.01.065 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (l) For any calendar year after the initial calendar year in which a license is  
10 issued to a licensee, the licensee may submit to the department, in the manner  
11 prescribed by the department, proof of the economic hardship the licensee experienced  
12 in the previous calendar year. If a licensee submits proof of economic hardship, the  
13 department shall collect from the licensee only 50 percent of the total fees established  
14 under (c) and (f) - (k) of this section required to be collected from the licensee in the  
15 current calendar year.