

SENATE BILL 292

By Robinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 63; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to costs assessed to practice as a healthcare professional.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means healthcare professionals licensed, registered, certified, or permitted pursuant to this title or title 68, chapter 24, part 6, and regulated under the authority of either the department of health or an agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department of health;

(2) "Licensing authority" means a state agency with the authority to impose training, education, or licensure fees upon a healthcare provider as a requirement to practice a healthcare profession; and

(3) "Licensure fee" means a fee imposed by a licensing authority on a healthcare provider for the privilege of practicing a healthcare profession.

(b) Notwithstanding any law, a licensing authority shall:

(1) Waive licensure fees for the period beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025; and

(2) Refund to a healthcare provider the portion of a licensure fee paid to the licensing authority that is credited to the healthcare provider for the period of time described in subdivision (b)(1).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.