

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1145**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Price**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 5604 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to architects, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1145, as introduced, Price. Architects: fees.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of architects by the California Architects Board. Existing law imposes various fees on licensees and applicants for a license, which are deposited in the California Architects Board Fund, a continuously appropriated fund. Under existing law, the fee for renewing a license may not exceed \$200.

This bill would increase the renewal fee maximum to \$400. By increasing moneys deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5604 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 5604. The fees prescribed by this chapter for architect
- 4 applicants or architect licenseholders shall be fixed by the board
- 5 as follows:

- 1 (a) The application fee for reviewing a candidate’s eligibility  
2 to take any section of the examination may not exceed one hundred  
3 dollars (\$100).
- 4 (b) The fee for any section of the examination administered by  
5 the board may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 6 (c) The fee for an original license at an amount equal to the  
7 renewal fee in effect at the time the license is issued, except that,  
8 if the license is issued less than one year before the date on which  
9 it will expire, then the fee shall be fixed at an amount equal to 50  
10 percent of the renewal fee in effect at the time the license is issued.  
11 The board may, by appropriate regulation, provide for the waiver  
12 or refund of the fee for an original license if the license is issued  
13 less than 45 days before the date on which it will expire.
- 14 (d) The fee for an application for reciprocity may not exceed  
15 one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 16 (e) The fee for a duplicate license may not exceed twenty-five  
17 dollars (\$25).
- 18 (f) The renewal fee may not exceed ~~two~~ *four* hundred dollars  
19 ~~(\$200)~~ *(\$400)*.
- 20 (g) The delinquency fee may not exceed 50 percent of the  
21 renewal fee.
- 22 (h) The fee for a retired license may not exceed the fee  
23 prescribed in subdivision (c).