

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 25, 2014

SENATE BILL

No. 1416

Introduced by Senator Block

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section ~~1611~~ 1724 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1416, as amended, Block. ~~Dentistry.~~ *Dentistry: fees.*

Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of dentistry by the Dental Board of California. The act, among other things, requires the board to examine all applicants for a license to practice dentistry and to collect and apply all fees, as specified. *The act requires the charges and fees for licensed dentists to be established by the board as is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities required by these provisions, subject to specified limitations. Existing law prohibits the fee for an initial license and for the renewal of the license from exceeding \$450.*

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.~~

This bill would instead prohibit the fee for an initial license and for the renewal of the license from exceeding \$525. The bill would make related findings and declarations.

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
2 *following:*

3 *(a) It is necessary for the initial license and license renewal fee*
4 *for dentists to be increased to five hundred twenty-five dollars*
5 *(\$525) in order for the Dental Board of California to continue its*
6 *licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.*

7 *(b) Failure to increase the fee amount will result in spending*
8 *reductions that will cause delays in processing times for license*
9 *applications, consumer complaints, investigations, and disciplinary*
10 *actions.*

11 *SEC. 2. Section 1724 of the Business and Professions Code is*
12 *amended to read:*

13 1724. The amount of charges and fees for dentists licensed
14 pursuant to this chapter shall be established by the board as is
15 necessary for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities
16 required by this chapter as it relates to dentists, subject to the
17 following limitations:

18 (a) The fee for application for examination shall not exceed five
19 hundred dollars (\$500).

20 (b) The fee for application for reexamination shall not exceed
21 one hundred dollars (\$100).

22 (c) The fee for examination and for reexamination shall not
23 exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800). Applicants who are found to
24 be ineligible to take the examination shall be entitled to a refund
25 in an amount fixed by the board.

26 (d) The fee for an initial license and for the renewal of a license
27 shall not exceed ~~four hundred fifty dollars (\$450)~~ *five hundred*
28 *twenty-five dollars (\$525).*

29 (e) The fee for a special permit shall not exceed three hundred
30 dollars (\$300), and the renewal fee for a special permit shall not
31 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

32 (f) The delinquency fee shall be the amount prescribed by
33 Section 163.5.

34 (g) The penalty for late registration of change of place of
35 practice shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75).

36 (h) The application fee for permission to conduct an additional
37 place of practice shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).

1 (i) The renewal fee for an additional place of practice shall not
2 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

3 (j) The fee for issuance of a substitute certificate shall not exceed
4 one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).

5 (k) The fee for a provider of continuing education shall not
6 exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per year.

7 (l) The fee for application for a referral service permit and for
8 renewal of that permit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

9 (m) The fee for application for an extramural facility permit
10 and for the renewal of a permit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars
11 (\$25).

12 The board shall report to the appropriate fiscal committees of
13 each house of the Legislature whenever the board increases any
14 fee pursuant to this section and shall specify the rationale and
15 justification for that increase.

16 ~~SECTION 1. Section 1611 of the Business and Professions~~
17 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

18 ~~1611. The board shall carry out the purposes and enforce the~~
19 ~~provisions of this chapter. The board shall examine all applicants~~
20 ~~for a license to practice dentistry according to the provisions of~~
21 ~~this chapter and shall issue licenses to practice dentistry in this~~
22 ~~state to those applicants who successfully pass the examination of~~
23 ~~the board and otherwise comply with the provisions of this chapter.~~
24 ~~The board shall collect and apply all fees as directed by this~~
25 ~~chapter.~~