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SENATE BILL

No. 1416

Introduced by Senator Block

February 21, 2014

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1416, as amended, Block. 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 instead ~~prohibit~~ *set* the fee for an initial license and for the renewal of the license ~~from exceeding~~ *at* \$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:

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

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

9 SEC. 2. Section 1724 of the Business and Professions Code is
10 amended to read:

11 1724. The amount of charges and fees for dentists licensed
12 pursuant to this chapter shall be established by the board as is
13 necessary for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities
14 required by this chapter as it relates to dentists, subject to the
15 following limitations:

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

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

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

24 (d) The fee for an initial license and for the renewal of a license
25 ~~shall not exceed~~ *is* five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$525).

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

29 (f) The delinquency fee shall be the amount prescribed by
30 Section 163.5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 *(m)* The fee for application for an extramural facility permit
4 and for the renewal of a permit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars
5 (\$25).

6 The board shall report to the appropriate fiscal committees of
7 each house of the Legislature whenever the board increases any
8 fee pursuant to this section and shall specify the rationale and
9 justification for that increase.

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