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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 131**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson**  
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 131—Relative to professions and vocations.

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ACR 131, as amended, Patterson. Professions and vocations: licensing fees: equity.

This measure would encourage the Department of Consumer Affairs and its boards, bureaus, and ~~commissions~~ *committees* to create policies that promote fairness and equity to guarantee that each licensee pays a fair amount, especially in ~~regards~~ *regard* to initial and ongoing license fees.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Existing law provides for the licensure and  
2 regulation of various professions and vocations by boards, bureaus,  
3 and committees within the Department of Consumer Affairs,  
4 including, among others, accountants, acupuncturists, architects,  
5 athletes, automotive mechanics, barbers and ~~cosmologists~~,  
6 *cosmetologists*, chiropractors, contractors, court reporters, dental  
7 hygienists, dentists, doctors, engineers, fiduciaries, marriage and  
8 family therapists, nurses, optometrists, osteopathic physicians and  
9 surgeons, pharmacists, physical therapists, physician assistants,

1 private schools, private guards and other security-related jobs,  
2 psychologists, realtors, respiratory care practitioners, speech  
3 pathologists, social workers, and veterinarians; and

4 WHEREAS, The mission of many of the boards, bureaus, and  
5 committees within the Department of Consumer Affairs is to  
6 protect people and promote the health and safety of Californians  
7 by licensing and regulating various professions and vocations; and

8 WHEREAS, Hardworking individuals must often complete  
9 hundreds of hours of professional training requirements, including,  
10 but not limited to, education, schooling, internships, or other  
11 requirements, to meet professional licensing standards in order to  
12 be licensed by the State of California and pursue their profession;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Existing law establishes fees for initial licenses,  
15 initial temporary and permanent licenses, and original licenses for  
16 those various professions and vocations; and

17 WHEREAS, Licensees may spend up to hundreds of dollars for  
18 their initial license and pay thousands of dollars to the State of  
19 California over their career to maintain their license, not including  
20 the thousands of dollars licensees may pay to put themselves  
21 through training or educational programs to gain the skills needed  
22 for a given profession; and

23 WHEREAS, Existing law requires that licenses issued to certain  
24 licensees expire at 12 a.m. on either the last day of the birth month  
25 of the licensee or at 12 a.m. of the legal birth date of the licensee  
26 during the 2nd year of a 2-year term if not renewed, yet fails to  
27 provide licensees the opportunity to prorate their initial licensing  
28 fee to the specific amount of time actually licensed; and

29 WHEREAS, The ~~Governor~~ Legislature supports an equitable  
30 licensing fee policy that would prorate license fees based on how  
31 many months have elapsed between the initial issuance of a license  
32 and the time of renewal, as stated in ~~his message upon vetoing~~  
33 Assembly Bill 483 ~~(Patterson, 2015)~~, of the 2015–16 Regular  
34 Session, which was unanimously passed by the Senate and passed  
35 by the Assembly with a vote of 78-0; and

36 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the important and  
37 valuable services that those licensees provide to the state; now,  
38 therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
40 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature encourages the Department

1 of Consumer Affairs and its boards, bureaus, and commissions to  
2 create policies that promote fairness and equity to guarantee that  
3 each licensee pays a fair amount, especially in ~~regards~~ *regard* to  
4 initial and ongoing license fees; and be it further  
5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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