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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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**(Coauthor: Senator Anderson)**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 131—Relative to professions and vocations.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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 committees to create policies that promote fairness and equity to guarantee that each licensee pays a fair amount, especially in 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 cosmetologists,  
6 chiropractors, contractors, court reporters, dental hygienists,  
7 dentists, doctors, engineers, fiduciaries, marriage and family  
8 therapists, nurses, optometrists, osteopathic physicians and  
9 surgeons, pharmacists, physical therapists, physician assistants,  
10 private schools, private guards and other security-related jobs,  
11 psychologists, ~~realtors~~, *real estate salespersons*, respiratory care  
12 practitioners, speech pathologists, social workers, and veterinarians;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The mission of many of the boards, bureaus, and  
15 committees within the Department of Consumer Affairs is to  
16 protect people and promote the health and safety of Californians  
17 by licensing and regulating various professions and vocations; and

18 WHEREAS, Hardworking individuals must often complete  
19 hundreds of hours of professional training requirements, including,  
20 but not limited to, education, schooling, internships, or other  
21 requirements, to meet professional licensing standards in order to  
22 be licensed by the State of California and pursue their profession;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Existing law establishes fees for initial licenses,  
25 initial temporary and permanent licenses, and original licenses for  
26 those various professions and vocations; and

27 WHEREAS, Licensees may spend up to hundreds of dollars for  
28 their initial license and pay thousands of dollars to the State of  
29 California over their career to maintain their license, not including  
30 the thousands of dollars licensees may pay to put themselves  
31 through training or educational programs to gain the skills needed  
32 for a given profession; and

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

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature supports an equitable licensing  
2 fee policy that would prorate license fees based on how many  
3 months have elapsed between the initial issuance of a license and  
4 the time of renewal, as stated in Assembly Bill 483 of the 2015–16  
5 Regular Session, which was unanimously passed by the Senate  
6 and passed by the Assembly with a vote of 78-0; and

7 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the important and  
8 valuable services that those licensees provide to the state; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature encourages the Department  
12 of Consumer Affairs and its boards, bureaus, and commissions to  
13 create policies that promote fairness and equity to guarantee that  
14 each licensee pays a fair amount, especially in regard to initial and  
15 ongoing license fees; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
17 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.