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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 131

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, 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

1 provide licensees the opportunity to prorate their initial licensing
2 fee to the specific amount of time actually licensed; and

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

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

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

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