

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to licensing fee relief; amending s.  
 3           455.213, F.S.; waiving a portion of the initial  
 4           license application fee and renewal fees for certain  
 5           licenses; providing a maximum waiver; providing an  
 6           expiration; providing an appropriation; providing for  
 7           disposition of any unexpended balance; providing an  
 8           effective date.

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 10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (15) is added to section 455.213,  
 13   Florida Statutes, to read:

14           455.213 General licensing provisions.—

15           (15) For the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years, the  
 16   department shall waive 50 percent of the initial licensing fee  
 17   for an applicant applying for an initial license for a  
 18   profession under this chapter, with such waiver limited to a  
 19   maximum of \$200 per year per license. The department shall waive  
 20   50 percent of a licensee's license renewal fee for a profession  
 21   under this chapter, with such waiver limited to a maximum of  
 22   \$200 per year per license. Such fee waivers shall not include  
 23   any applicable unlicensed activity or background check fees.  
 24   This subsection expires July 1, 2025.

25           Section 2. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of \$50

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26 | million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
27 | Revenue Fund to the Department of Business and Professional  
28 | Regulation to be deposited into the Professional Regulation  
29 | Trust Fund to implement this act. Any unexpended balance of  
30 | funds from this appropriation remaining on June 30, 2024, shall  
31 | revert and is appropriated to the Department of Business and  
32 | Professional Regulation for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the  
33 | same purpose.

34 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.