

By the Committee on Regulated Industries

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

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

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

15 455.213 General licensing provisions.—

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

26 Section 2. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of \$50
27 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
28 Revenue Fund to the Department of Business and Professional
29 Regulation to be deposited into the Professional Regulation

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30 Trust Fund to implement this act. Any unexpended balance of
31 funds from this appropriation remaining on June 30, 2024, shall
32 revert and is appropriated to the Department of Business and
33 Professional Regulation for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the
34 same purpose.

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