

Committee on Regulated Industries

HB 1091 — Licensing Fee Relief

by Rep. Alvarez and others (SB 7046 by Regulated Industries Committee)

The bill requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to waive certain license application and license fees until July 1, 2025. Under the bill, the following fees must be waived during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

- 50 percent of the initial licensing fee for an applicant applying for an initial license for a profession, up to \$200 per year per license.
- 50 percent of a licensee's license renewal fee, up to \$200 per year per license.

The bill provides that waived fees may not include any applicable unlicensed activity fees or background check fees.

The above provisions expire July 1, 2025.

The bill appropriates \$50 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the DBPR's Professional Regulation Trust Fund for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Any unexpected balance of funds from this appropriation remaining on June 30, 2024, must revert and is appropriated to the DBPR for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the same purpose.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 115-0