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HB 2473: licensure renewal; fee waiver Sponsor: Representative Kolodin, LD 3 Caucus & COW

Overview

Requires the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (Board) to waive the associate level license renewal fee under specified circumstances.

<u>History</u>

The Board is comprised of 8 professional members and 4 public members who are each appointed by the Governor (A.R.S. § 32-3252). Responsibilities of the Board include: 1) issuing and renewing licenses for qualified individuals; 2) establishing and collecting fees; and 3) keeping records of all licensed persons, applications, dispersed monies and the actions taken on licenses including the renewal, suspension, denial or revocation or probation of a licensee (A.R.S. § 32-3253).

The Board can issue and collect reasonable fees for the following: 1) issuance of a license up to 500; 2) renewal of a license up to 500 and to not increase by more than 25 per year; and 3) fees for the approval of educational criteria. The Board must establish fees that fund the approximate cost of maintaining the board. If an applicant has paid the fee or an initial or renewal associate level license within 90 days of applying for an independent level license, statute requires the Board to waive the application fee for the independent level license (A.R.S. 32-3272).

Provisions

- 1. Directs the Board to waive the renewal fee for an associate level license if the licensee:
 - a) has submitted the renewal application; and
 - b) the application for independent licensure is pending at the time of renewal. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)