

Senate Study Bill 1129

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [135B.1](#), Code 1999, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:

1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. "Off-site premises" means any facility
1 4 or organization that is operated at a location other than at a
1 5 main hospital campus but which functions as a department of
1 6 the hospital.

1 7 Sec. 2. Section [135B.4](#), Code 1999, is amended by striking
1 8 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 9 135B.4 LICENSES APPLICATION, FEES, ISSUANCE, AND
1 10 RENEWAL.

1 11 1. Licenses shall be obtained from the department.
1 12 Applications shall be upon forms and shall contain information
1 13 as the department may require, which may include affirmative
1 14 evidence of ability to comply with standards and rules
1 15 prescribed under this chapter. Each application for license
1 16 shall be accompanied by the license fee, which shall be
1 17 deposited into the hospital education fund created pursuant to
1 18 section 135B.5.

1 19 2. Each hospital shall pay an initial license fee of one
1 20 hundred dollars. Hospitals with off-site premises shall pay
1 21 an additional license fee of twenty-five dollars for each off-
1 22 site premises maintained by the hospital.

1 23 3. Licenses shall be renewed annually. The annual license
1 24 renewal fee is one hundred dollars for each hospital.
1 25 Hospitals with off-site premises shall pay an additional
1 26 renewal fee of twenty-five dollars per off-site premises
1 27 maintained by the hospital.

1 28 4. Licenses shall be general, specific, or restricted in
1 29 form. Each license shall be issued only for the premises and
1 30 persons or governmental units approved by the department and
1 31 is not transferable or assignable except with the written
1 32 approval of the department. Licenses shall be posted in a
1 33 conspicuous place on the licensed premises as prescribed by
1 34 the department by rule.

1 35 5. Upon receipt of an application for a license and the
2 1 license fee, the department shall issue a license if the
2 2 applicant and hospital facilities comply with this chapter and
2 3 the rules of the department.

2 4 6. Each licensee shall receive annual reapproval upon
2 5 payment of the appropriate license fee and upon filing of an
2 6 application form available from the department.

2 7 Sec. 3. Section [135B.5](#), Code 1999, is amended by striking
2 8 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

2 9 135B.5 HOSPITAL EDUCATION FUND.

2 10 A hospital education fund is created within the department.
2 11 All hospital license fees collected under this chapter shall
2 12 be deposited into the fund. Amounts deposited shall be
2 13 utilized by the department to defray the costs of education
2 14 activities or services provided by the department to licensed
2 15 hospitals within the state.

2 16 Sec. 4. Section [135G.4](#), subsection 3, Code 1999, is
2 17 amended to read as follows:

2 18 3. Each application for a birth center license or renewal
2 19 of a license shall be accompanied by a license fee. The fee
2 20 amount shall be

~~equivalent to the fee amount established for a~~

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~~hospital in accordance with section 135B.4~~
~~fifteen dollars.~~

2 22 The fees shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

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EXPLANATION

2 24 This bill changes the hospital license fee structure
2 25 charged by the department of inspections and appeals to
2 26 hospitals licensed by the state, and establishes a hospital
2 27 education fund into which license fees shall be deposited.
2 28 Previously, hospital license fees varied based upon the number
2 29 of beds in the hospital applying for licensure. The bill
2 30 provides a new fee structure consisting of an initial
2 31 application fee and annual renewal fee of \$100 per hospital.
2 32 An additional initial application and renewal fee of \$25 is
2 33 established for off-site premises maintained by a hospital
2 34 which are considered a department of the hospital. The bill
2 35 provides that license and renewal fees payable by a birth
3 1 center which, pursuant to Code section 135G.4, subsection 3,
3 2 currently corresponds to the level applicable to a hospital,
3 3 will be \$15, which is the level specified in Code section
3 4 135B.4 prior to the effective date of the bill for hospitals
3 5 with 50 or fewer beds.

3 6 License fees collected by the department under the bill are
3 7 to be deposited into a hospital education fund which is also
3 8 established in the bill. Moneys in the hospital education
3 9 fund are to be utilized by the department to defray the costs
3 10 of providing educational activities and services by the
3 11 department to licensed hospitals within the state.

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