

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION BUREAU[193]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rulemaking related to allocation of disciplinary fees and costs
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Professional Licensing and Regulation Bureau hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 2, “Allocation of Disciplinary Fees and Costs,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 272C.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 272C.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed chapter sets forth fees that may be assessed to a licensee for disciplinary hearings. The proposed rules outline how the fees are paid and what the fees may be applied toward in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 272C.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 481—Chapter 6.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking. Written or oral comments in response to this rulemaking must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 14, 2024. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

February 13, 2024
11:30 a.m.

6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100
Des Moines, Iowa
Video call link: meet.google.com/zuu-vunu-dcc

February 14, 2024
11:30 a.m.

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Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 193—Chapter 2 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 2
ALLOCATION OF DISCIPLINARY FEES AND COSTS

193—2.1(272C) Allocation of disciplinary fees and costs.

2.1(1) Definition.

“Board(s)” includes the professional licensing boards as defined in 191—Chapter 1.

2.1(2) All hearing fees and costs assessed by the boards will be paid directly to the department and held in a separate fund administered by the administrator.

2.1(3) The administrator will distribute moneys held in this fund during the fiscal year in which those moneys are paid. Distributions from the fund are made upon the request of a board and at the sole discretion of the administrator. A distribution received by a board under this chapter will be used only for expenditures related to disciplinary hearings.

2.1(4) The administrator will consider the following factors in exercising discretion as to whether to distribute funds to a requesting board:

a. The remaining funds in the board's allocated appropriation for disciplinary hearings in that fiscal year.

b. The number of disciplinary hearings the board has scheduled for the remainder of that fiscal year; the nature and seriousness of those hearings; and the public health, safety, and welfare interests implicated by those hearings.

c. Whether the board has adopted and implemented hearing cost recovery rules.

2.1(5) The administrator will distribute a percentage of the remaining fees and costs to each board.

2.1(6) The fees and costs allocated back to the individual professional licensing boards will be considered repayment receipts as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2. The fees and costs allocated back to each professional board will be applied to the costs incurred by each profession for prosecution of contested cases that could result in disciplinary action.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272C.6(6).