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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING FEES PAID BY NURSES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 19a-88 of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

4 (c) (1) Each person holding a license to practice as a registered
5 nurse, shall, [~~annually~~] biennially, during the month of such person's
6 birth, register with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of
7 one hundred fifty dollars, on blanks to be furnished by the department
8 for such purpose, giving such person's name in full, such person's
9 residence and business address and such other information as the
10 department requests. Each person holding a license to practice as a
11 registered nurse who has retired from the profession may renew such
12 license, but the fee shall be [~~ten~~] twenty per cent of the professional
13 services fee for class B, as defined in section 33-182l. Any license
14 provided by the department at a reduced fee shall indicate that the
15 registered nurse is retired.

16 (2) Each person holding a license as an advanced practice registered
17 nurse shall, [~~annually~~] biennially, during the month of such person's
18 birth, register with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of
19 one hundred [~~twenty~~] eighty dollars, on blanks to be furnished by the
20 department for such purpose, giving such person's name in full, such
21 person's residence and business address and such other information as
22 the department requests. No such license shall be renewed unless the
23 department is satisfied that the person maintains current certification
24 as either a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist or a nurse
25 anesthetist from one of the following national certifying bodies which
26 certify nurses in advanced practice: The American Nurses' Association,
27 the Nurses' Association of the American College of Obstetricians and
28 Gynecologists Certification Corporation, the National Board of
29 Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Associates or the American
30 Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Each person holding a license to
31 practice as an advanced practice registered nurse who has retired from
32 the profession may renew such license, but the fee shall be [~~ten~~] twenty
33 per cent of the professional services fee for class C, as defined in
34 section 33-182l. Any license provided by the department at a reduced
35 fee shall indicate that the advanced practice registered nurse is retired.

36 (3) Each person holding a license as a licensed practical nurse shall,
37 [~~annually~~] biennially, during the month of such person's birth, register
38 with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of [~~the~~
39 ~~professional services fee for class C, as defined in section 33-182l~~]
40 ninety dollars, on blanks to be furnished by the department for such
41 purpose, giving such person's name in full, such person's residence
42 and business address and such other information as the department
43 requests. Each person holding a license to practice as a licensed
44 practical nurse who has retired from the profession may renew such
45 license, but the fee shall be [~~ten~~] twenty per cent of the professional
46 services fee for class A, as defined in section 33-182l. Any license
47 provided by the department at a reduced fee shall indicate that the
48 licensed practical nurse is retired.

49 (4) Each person holding a license as a nurse-midwife shall,
50 [annually] biennially, during the month of such person's birth, register
51 with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of one hundred
52 [twenty] eighty dollars, on blanks to be furnished by the department
53 for such purpose, giving such person's name in full, such person's
54 residence and business address and such other information as the
55 department requests. No such license shall be renewed unless the
56 department is satisfied that the person maintains current certification
57 from the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

58 (5) (A) Each person holding a license to practice physical therapy
59 shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, register with
60 the Department of Public Health, upon payment of the professional
61 services fee for class B, as defined in section 33-182*l*, on blanks to be
62 furnished by the department for such purpose, giving such person's
63 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
64 other information as the department requests.

65 (B) Each person holding a physical therapist assistant license shall,
66 annually, during the month of such person's birth, register with the
67 Department of Public Health, upon payment of the professional
68 services fee for class A, as defined in section 33-182*l*, on blanks to be
69 furnished by the department for such purpose, giving such person's
70 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
71 other information as the department requests.

72 (6) Each person holding a license as a physician assistant shall,
73 annually, during the month of such person's birth, register with the
74 Department of Public Health, upon payment of a fee of seventy-five
75 dollars, on blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose,
76 giving such person's name in full, such person's residence and
77 business address and such other information as the department
78 requests. No such license shall be renewed unless the department is
79 satisfied that the practitioner has met the mandatory continuing
80 medical education requirements of the National Commission on

81 Certification of Physician Assistants or a successor organization for the
82 certification or recertification of physician assistants that may be
83 approved by the department and has passed any examination or
84 continued competency assessment the passage of which may be
85 required by said commission for maintenance of current certification
86 by said commission.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	19a-88(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To change the license renewal period for registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and nurse-midwives from one to two years and to reduce the licensing fees paid by these health care professionals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]