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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION**

CHAPTER 10

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10‑17. Board of Funeral Service.

10‑24. Board of Medical Examiners.

10‑32. Board of Podiatry Examiners.

10‑33. Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors, and Psycho‑Educational Specialists.

10‑42. Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

**Synopsis:**

 The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation proposes to add to, amend or repeal fees within the fee schedules for certain boards and commissions whose fees appear in Chapter 10 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations.

The Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on June 28, 2024.

**Instructions:**

 Print the regulation as shown below. All other items remain unchanged.

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**Text:**

10‑17. Board of Funeral Service.

 The Board shall charge the following fees:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | (1) | Initial Application and License Fee |   |
|   |   | (a) | Funeral Director Apprentice |   | $~~50~~65 |
|   |   | (b) | Embalmer Apprentice |   | $~~50~~65 |
|   |   | (c) | Embalmer |   | $~~100~~130 |
|   |   | (d) | Funeral Director |   | $~~100~~130 |
|   |   | (e) | Dual Application |   | $~~150~~195 |
|   |   | (f) | Endorsed Funeral Director |   | $~~100~~130 |
|   |   | (g) | Endorsed Embalmer |   | $~~100~~130 |
|   |   | (h) | Endorsed Dual Application |   | $~~150~~195 |
|   |   | (i) | Funeral Director Student Permit |   | $25 |
|   |   | (j) | Embalmer Student Permit |   | $25 |
|   |   | (k) | New Funeral Home Permit |   | $~~200~~260 |
|  |   | (l) | Additional Funeral Facility |   | $~~200~~260 |
|   | (2) | Biennial License renewal |   |
|   |   | (a) | Embalmer |   | $~~300~~390 |
|   |   | (b) | Funeral Director |   | $~~300~~390 |
|   |   | (c) | Dual License |   | $~~320~~415 |
|   |   | (d) | Funeral Home (Parent) |   | $~~350~~450 |
|   |   | (e) | Funeral (Chapel) |   | $~~350~~450 |
|   |   | (f) | Crematory |   | $~~350~~450 |
|   |   | (g) | Funeral Home (Branch) |   | $~~350~~450 |
|   |   | (h) | Retail Outlet |   | $~~350~~450 |
|   | (3) | Apprentice and Student Renewal |   |
|   |   | (a) | Funeral Director Apprentice |   | $~~100~~130 |
|   |   | (b) | Embalmer Apprentice |   | $~~100~~130 |
|   |   | (c) | Funeral Director Student Permit |   | $~~50~~65 |
|   |   | (d) | Embalmer Student Permit |   | $~~50~~65 |
|   | (4) | Late Renewal Penalty (1‑6 months) |   | $~~120~~150 |
|   | (5) | Reactivation (Revival) (6 months or more) | $~~120~~150 + renewal fee for each year license was expired |
|   | (6) | Examination Fee |   |  |
|   |   | (a) | National State Examination | Actual fee charged by examination provider (One part) |
|   |   | (b) | National State Examination | Actual fee charged by examination provider (Two parts) |
|   |   | (c) | State Statutes and Regulations Exam | Fee charged by examination provider |
|  | (7) | Miscellaneous Fees |  |
|  |  | (a) | Change of Manager Application | $200 |
|  |  | (b) | Change of Location Application | $200 |

10‑24. Board of Medical Examiners.

 The Board shall charge the following fees:

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| (A) | Physicians: |   |
|   | (1) | Academic License— | $150 |
|   |   | (a) | Renewal— |   | $150 |
|   | (2) | Limited License‑ | $75 (6 mo.), $~~150~~130(1 year) |
|   |   | (a) | Renewal— | $75 (6 mo.), $~~150~~130 (1 year) |
|   |   | (b) | 14 days— |   | $~~75~~70 |
|   | (3) | Permanent License— | $~~580~~500 |
|   |   | (a) | Biennial Renewal— |  $~~155~~140 |
|   |   | (b) | Reactivation— |  $460 |
|   | (4) | Special Volunteer Limited License— | no fee |
|   |   | (a) | Renewal— |   | no fee |
|   | (5) | Temporary License Extension— | $75 |
| (B) | Acupuncture— | $~~111~~100 |
|   | (1) | Biennial Renewal— | $~~145~~130 |
| (C) | Anesthesiologist’s Assistant— | $~~300~~260 |
|   | (1) | Biennial Renewal— | $~~295~~260 |
| (D) | Physician Assistant— | $~~120~~110 |
|   | (1) | Biennial Renewal— | $45 |
|   | (2) | Limited License Application— | $25 |
|   | (3) | Prescriptive Authority— | $40 |
|   |   | (No fee for expanded prescriptive authority, Schedule III‑V drugs) |   |
|   | (4) | Reactivation Application | $160 |
| (E) | Respiratory Care Practitioner |   |
|   | (1) | Application ‑ Permanent License— | $~~120~~110 |
|   | (2) | Biennial Renewal‑Permanent License— | $~~75~~65 |
|   | (3) | Limited License— | $40 |
|   | (4) | Limited License Renewal— | $40 |
|   | (5) | Update License Application— | $80 |
|   | (6) | Reactivation‑Permanent License— | $160 |
|   | (7) | Exemption for Ventilation by Non‑RCP | $50 |
| (F) | Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist |   |
|   | (1) | Initial Application | $~~160~~150 |
|   | (2) | Biennial Renewal | $~~80~~75 |
| (G) | Other fees |   |
|   | (1) | Verification of License— | $5 |
|   | (2) | Wall Certificate‑Duplicate— | $25 |
|   | (3) | Duplicate wallet cards | $10 |
|   | (4) | Name change— | no fee |
|   | (5) | Licensure Listing— | $10 |

10‑32. Board of Podiatry Examiners.

 The Board shall charge the following fees:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | A. | Initial Application | $500 |
|   | B. | Biennial License Renewal: | $~~200~~275 |
|   | C. | Late License Renewal: | $200 |
|   | D. | License Reinstatement Fee: | $75 |
|   | E. | Duplicate Wallet Card | $10 |
|   | F. | Duplicate Wall Certificate | $25 |

10‑33. Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors, and Psycho‑Educational Specialists.

 The Board shall charge the following fees:

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|   | A. | Application Fee ‑ Application and fee go to Center for Credentialing Education (CCE) to be reviewed and approved. |
|   | B. | Initial License Fee: |
|   |   | 1. | Associate: |   | $~~150~~130 |
|   |   | 2. | Professional Counselors: |   | $~~150~~130 |
|   |   | 3. | Marriage and Family Therapists: |   | $~~150~~130 |
|   |   | 4. | Psycho‑educational Specialists: |   | $~~150~~130 |
|   |   | 5. | Addiction Counselors: |   | $~~150~~130 |
|   |   | 6. | Professional Counselor Supervisors: |   | $~~100~~80 |
|   |   | 7. | Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisors: |   | $~~100~~80 |
|   |   | 8. | Addiction Counselor Supervisors: |   | $~~100~~80 |
|   | C. | Biennial license renewal |   |   |
|   |   | 1. | Professional Counselors: |   | $150 |
|   |   | 2. | Marriage and Family Therapists: |   | $150 |
|   |   | 3. | Addiction Counselors: |   | $150 |
|   |   | 4. | Psycho‑educational Specialists: |   | $150 |
|   |   | 5. | Professional Counselor Supervisors: |   | $100 |
|   |   | 6. | Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisors: |   | $100 |
|   |   | 7. | Addiction Counselor Supervisors: |   | $100 |
|   | D. | Reinstatement Fee: | $~~300~~100 + renewal fee |
|   | E. | Examination Fee: |   |   |
|   |   | 1. | Professional Counselors: paid to provider |   |   |
|   |   | 2. | Marriage and Family Therapists: paid to provider |   |   |
|   | F. | License Verification: |   | $5 |
|   | G. | License verification to another state: |   | $5 |
|   | H. | Name change and new license card: |   | $10 |
|   | I. | Copy of file: |   | $10 |
|   | J. | Duplicate license: |   |   |
|   |   | 1. | Wall certificate: |   | $25 |
|   |   | 2. | License card: |   | $10 |
|   | K. | Returned check charge: | $30 (or as otherwise established by law as administrative costs for returned checks) |

10‑42. Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

 The Board shall charge the following fees:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | (A) | Fees for Veterinarians: |   |   |
|   |   | (1) | Application for License |   | $175 |
|   |   | (2) | Temporary Veterinary License |   | $100 |
|   |   | (3) | Biennial Renewal |   | $~~300~~340 |
|   |   | (4) | Biennial Renewal late fee | $100 + renewal fee |
|   |   | (5) | Reinstatement fee | $250 + renewal fee |
|   | (B) | Fees for Veterinary Technicians: |   |   |
|   |   | (1) | Application for License |   | $50 |
|   |   | (2) | Temporary Veterinary Technician License |   | $10 |
|   |   | (3) | Biennial Renewal |   | $~~60~~80 |
|   |   | (4) | Biennial Renewal late fee | $10 + renewal fee |
|   |   | (5) | Reinstatement fee | $20 + renewal fee |
|   | (C) | Miscellaneous Fees: |   |   |
|   |   | (1) | License Verification Fee |   | $5 |
|   |   | (2) | Wall Certificate Replacement |   | $10 |
|   |   | (3) | Pocket Card Certificate Replacement |   | $10 |
|   |   | (4) | Licensee List Request |   | $10 |
|   |   | (5) | Returned Check Fee |   | $30  |
|   |   | (6) | Walk‑in Service Fee |   | $25 |

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

 There will be no cost incurred by the State or any of its political subdivisions for the promulgation of these regulations.

**Statement of Rationale:**

 The updated regulation will comport with the statutory requirement that the Agency director assess and adjust fees of the professional and occupational licensing boards to ensure that fees are sufficient but not excessive to cover the expenses, including the total of the direct and indirect costs to the State, for the operations of each respective board. Agency fees are also consolidated and scrivener’s errors are corrected.