

Agenda Item No. 6.5
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**Adopted Amendment to § 213.12, Relating to Witness Fees and Expenses,
and to § 223.1 (Fees)**

The adopted amendment to § 213.12 allows a witness who has been subpoenaed by the Board or a party to a proceeding of the Board's to receive adequate reimbursement for their mileage. The rule was recently amended to increase the reimbursement rate to 48.5¢ for each mile, but due to the rising cost of fuel, the reimbursement rate allowed by the IRS has been increased again to 50.5¢. The adopted amendment allows the reimbursement rate to be tied to the federal income tax regulations reimbursement rate, so that the rule does not have to be constantly amended.

The adopted amendment allowed the Board to reduce the renewal fees for Registered and Vocational Nurses from \$67 to \$65 (RNs) and from \$58 to \$55 (LVNs) due to a \$4.75 reduction in the fee for an FBI fingerprint-based criminal background check and the increased income from a higher number of RNs and LVNs renewing their licenses. Any excess funds collected from licensees was and is going into the general revenue fund.

No comments were received in response to the proposed amendments to these rules, so they were submitted without changes and went into effect on June 24, 2008.