

Agenda Item: 7.2
October 23-24, 2014
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**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §223.1,
Pertaining to Fees**

Background: For the 2014-2015 biennium, the Board is required by the General Appropriations Act (through a contingency revenue rider) to generate fees totaling \$25,334,204. In July, 2013, the Board voted to revise its fees in order to raise this additional money. Based on a review of past renewal trends, Staff expects the number of renewals for fiscal year 2015 to increase by 3%. Provided this projection holds true, at the current fee structure, Staff projects that the Board will exceed the amount of monies required by the contingency revenue rider by approximately \$4,000,000.

As a result, Staff is recommending that the Board amend its fee structure to reduce the anticipated amount of surplus. Staff is recommending that the Board reduce each licensure renewal level by \$10, making the renewal fee for an advanced practice registered nursing license \$50; a registered nursing license \$60; and a vocational nursing license \$45. The recommended reduction in fees will still enable the Board to generate the required amount of revenue.

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §223.1, pertaining to *Fees*, as set out in Attachment "A", with authority for the General Counsel to make editorial changes as necessary to clarify rule and Board intent and to comply with the formatting requirements of the *Texas Register*. If no negative comments and no request for a public hearing are received, move to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §223.1, pertaining to *Fees*, as proposed.

§223.1. Fees.

(a) The Texas Board of Nursing has established reasonable and necessary fees for the administration of its functions.

(1) - (2) (No change.)

(3) Licensure renewal (each biennium):

(A) Registered Nurse (RN): \$60 [~~\$70~~];

(B) Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN): \$45 [~~\$55~~];

(4) - (15) (No change.)

(16) Advanced Practice Nurse renewal: \$50 [~~\$60~~];

(17) - (25) (No change.)

(b) (No change.)