

**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code
§223.1, relating to Fees**

Background: The General Appropriations Act, 87th Regular Legislative Session, passed a budget for the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) for the 2022 - 2023 biennium. Specifically, in Article VIII, Section 2, it limits the Board appropriation to revenue collections. Board Staff anticipate a revenue surplus for the 2022 - 2023 biennium and propose to reduce fees to limit revenue collection to align with the approved budget.

The proposed amendment will decrease the examination fee for licensed vocational nurses and registered nurses from \$75 to \$50. Based upon processing approximately 25,000 examination applications per fiscal year and reducing the corresponding fee by \$25, Board Staff estimate this will result in an approximate \$625,000 annual decrease in revenue to state government.

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §223.1, relating 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 Texas Administrative Code §223.1, relating to *Fees*, as proposed.

Attachment “A”

§223.1. Fees.

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

(1) Examination: \$50 [~~\$75~~];

(2) – (21) (No change.)

(b) (No change.)