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HOUSE BILL 993

Short Title: Gen. Contractors/Fee Increases.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gillespie, Gibson, and Jones (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR GENERAL
2 CONTRACTORS TO INCREASE FEES.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 87-10(a) reads as rewritten:

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6 "(a) Anyone seeking to be licensed as a general contractor in this State shall file
7 an application for an examination on a form provided by the Board, ~~at least 30 days~~
8 ~~before any regular or special meeting of the Board accompanied by~~Board. The Board
9 may require the applicant to pay the Board or a provider contracted by the Board an
10 examination fee ~~of fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
11 and ~~by the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~pay to the Board a license fee not to
12 exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) if the application is for an unlimited
13 license, ~~the sum of seventy five dollars (\$75.00)~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if the
14 application is for an intermediate license ~~or the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~license, or
15 seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) if the application is for a limited ~~license; the fees and sum~~
16 license. The fees accompanying any application or examination shall be nonrefundable.
17 The holder of an unlimited license shall be entitled to act as general contractor without
18 restriction as to value of any single project; the holder of an intermediate license shall
19 be entitled to act as general contractor for any single project with a value of up to seven
20 hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000); the holder of a limited license shall be entitled to
21 act as general contractor for any single project with a value of up to three hundred fifty
22 thousand dollars (\$350,000); and the license certificate shall be classified in accordance
23 with this section. Before being entitled to an examination an applicant must show to the
24 satisfaction of the Board from the application and proofs furnished that the applicant is
25 possessed of a good character and is otherwise qualified as to competency, ability,
26 integrity, and financial responsibility, and that the applicant has not committed or done
27 any act, which, if committed or done by any licensed contractor would be grounds under
28 the provisions hereinafter set forth for the suspension or revocation of contractor's
29 license, or that the applicant has not committed or done any act involving dishonesty,

1 fraud, or deceit, or that the applicant has never been refused a license as a general
2 contractor nor had such license revoked, either in this State or in another state, for
3 reasons that should preclude the granting of the license applied for, and that the
4 applicant has never been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, relating to
5 building or contracting, or involving embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or
6 property entrusted to the applicant: Provided, no applicant shall be refused the right to
7 an examination, except in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 150B of the
8 General Statutes."

9 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 87-10(d) reads as rewritten:

10 "(d) Anyone failing to pass this examination may be reexamined at any regular
11 meeting of the Board upon payment of an examination ~~fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00)-fee.~~
12 Anyone requesting to take the examination a third or subsequent time shall submit a
13 new application with the appropriate examination and license fees."

14 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 87-10(e) reads as rewritten:

15 "(e) A certificate of license shall expire on the thirty-first day of December
16 following its issuance or renewal and shall become invalid 60 days from that date unless
17 renewed, subject to the approval of the Board. Renewals may be effected any time
18 during the month of January without reexamination, by the payment of a fee to the
19 secretary of the Board. The fee shall not exceed ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~one
20 hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for an unlimited license, ~~seventy-five dollars~~
21 ~~(\$75.00)~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for an intermediate ~~license~~license, and ~~fifty~~
22 ~~dollars (\$50.00)~~seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for a limited license. No later than
23 November 30 of each year, the Board shall mail written notice of the amount of the
24 renewal fees for the upcoming year to the last address of record for each general
25 contractor licensed pursuant to this Article. Renewal applications shall be accompanied
26 by evidence of continued financial responsibility satisfactory to the Board. Renewal
27 applications received by the Board after January shall be accompanied by a late
28 payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each month or part after January. After a lapse of
29 two years no renewal shall be effected and the applicant shall fulfill all requirements of
30 a new applicant as set forth in this section."

31 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.