

## CHAPTER 2023-68

### House Bill No. 1091

An act relating to licensing fee relief; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; waiving a portion of the initial license application fee and renewal fees for certain licenses; providing a maximum waiver; providing an expiration; providing an appropriation; providing for disposition of any unexpended balance; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (15) is added to section 455.213, Florida Statutes, to read:

455.213 General licensing provisions.—

(15) For the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years, the department shall waive 50 percent of the initial licensing fee for an applicant applying for an initial license for a profession under this chapter, with such waiver limited to a maximum of \$200 per year per license. The department shall waive 50 percent of a licensee's license renewal fee for a profession under this chapter, with such waiver limited to a maximum of \$200 per year per license. Such fee waivers shall not include any applicable unlicensed activity or background check fees. This subsection expires July 1, 2025.

Section 2. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of \$50 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to be deposited into the Professional Regulation Trust Fund to implement this act. Any unexpended balance of funds from this appropriation remaining on June 30, 2024, shall revert and is appropriated to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the same purpose.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor May 11, 2023.

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