

1-1 By: Capelo (Senate Sponsor - Bivins) H.B. No. 23  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House September 17, 2003;  
1-3 September 17, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Finance; September 22, 2003, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; September 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to appropriating the fees relating to the office of  
1-9 patient protection collected by certain licensing agencies for the  
1-10 Health Professions Council under Chapter 305 (House Bill No. 2985),  
1-11 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. (a) All fees collected during the state fiscal  
1-14 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, authorized by Subchapter G,  
1-15 Chapter 101, Occupations Code, as added by Chapter 305, Acts of the  
1-16 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are appropriated to the  
1-17 Health Professions Council for the state fiscal biennium beginning  
1-18 September 1, 2003, for the administration of the office of patient  
1-19 protection under Subchapter G, Chapter 101, Occupations Code.

1-20 (b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred  
1-21 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in  
1-22 connection with administering Subchapter G, Chapter 101,  
1-23 Occupations Code, as added by Chapter 305, Acts of the 78th  
1-24 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the  
1-25 appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section and shall be  
1-26 allocated to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items  
1-27 in accordance with applicable rules of the comptroller.

1-28 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-32 Act takes effect January 15, 2004.

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