

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 37
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 37 By: Nelson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the duties of the Texas Information and Referral
1-11 Network.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 531.0312, Government
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a) The Texas Information and Referral Network at the
1-16 commission is the program responsible for the development,
1-17 coordination, and implementation of a statewide information and
1-18 referral network that integrates existing community-based
1-19 structures with state and local agencies. The network must:

1-20 (1) include information relating to transportation
1-21 services provided to clients of state and local agencies;

1-22 (2) provide information to the public about the
1-23 complaint process at each licensing agency listed in Section
1-24 101.002, Occupations Code; and

1-25 (3) assist consumers in obtaining information about
1-26 the status of complaints at each licensing agency listed in Section
1-27 101.002, Occupations Code.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 101.307, Occupations Code, is
1-29 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
1-30 redesignated as Section 531.0272, Government Code, and is further
1-31 amended to read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 531.0272 [~~101.307~~]. FUNDING OF TEXAS INFORMATION AND
1-33 REFERRAL NETWORK [OFFICE]. (a) To provide funding [~~sufficient~~]
1-34 for the Texas Information and Referral Network [office] to exercise
1-35 the powers and duties prescribed by Sections 531.0312(a)(2) and (3)
1-36 [~~this subchapter~~]:

1-37 (1) the initial licensing or registration fee charged
1-38 by each licensing agency listed in Section 101.002, Occupations
1-39 Code, is increased by \$5; and

1-40 (2) the renewal fee charged by each licensing agency
1-41 listed in Section 101.002, Occupations Code, is increased by \$1 for
1-42 each year for which the license or registration is renewed.

1-43 (b) The fee increases authorized under this section shall be
1-44 collected in the same manner as the assessment under Section
1-45 101.006, Occupations Code, and shall be deposited in a special
1-46 account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only
1-47 for the purposes prescribed by Sections 531.0312(a)(2) and (3).
1-48 [~~The council may spend the fees collected under this section only to~~
1-49 ~~fund the activities of the office under this subchapter.~~]

1-50 SECTION 3. Sections 101.301 through 101.306, Occupations
1-51 Code, are repealed.

1-52 SECTION 4. The subchapter heading to Subchapter G, Chapter
1-53 101, Occupations Code, is repealed.

1-54 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act by the
1-55 enactment of Section 531.0272, Government Code, applies only to a
1-56 fee collected for the issuance or renewal of a license on or after
1-57 October 1, 2007. A fee collected before that date is governed by
1-58 the law in effect on the date the fee was collected, and the former
1-59 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-60 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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