

Amend CSHB 1998 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 153, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 153.055 to read as follows:

Sec. 153.055. FEE FOR CERTAIN SEARCHES RELATED TO LICENSE STATUS. (a) The board shall set and collect an additional surcharge to cover the cost of administering a continuous query on the National Practitioner Data Bank as required by Section 154.006(m). The surcharge shall be collected from each license holder for:

- (1) issuance of a first registration permit; and
- (2) renewal of a registration permit.

(b) The board shall deposit each fee collected to the credit of the public assurance account described by Section 153.0535(b).