

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 5241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the expenses and methods of financing the operations of  
3 certain state licensing or regulatory agencies and related  
4 agencies.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Occupations Code, is amended by  
7 adding Section 51.1031 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.1031. EXPENSE SHARING ARRANGEMENT. The executive  
9 director may enter into an agreement with another state agency to  
10 share costs and expenses.

11 SECTION 2. Section 101.006, Occupations Code, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 101.006. BUDGET. The council shall adopt an annual  
14 budget that is funded by a prorated assessment paid by the  
15 regulatory agencies listed in Section 101.002 and as may be  
16 provided by the general appropriations act.

17 SECTION 3. Chapter 101, Occupations Code, is amended by  
18 adding Section 101.0061 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 101.0061. EXPENSE SHARING ARRANGEMENT. The council  
20 may enter into an agreement with another state agency to share costs  
21 and expenses.

22 SECTION 4. Section 201.153, Occupations Code, is amended by  
23 adding a Subsection (b) to read as follows:

24 (b) The board by rule may set temporary fees in amounts

1 reasonable and necessary to cover nonrecurring costs of  
2 administering this chapter.

3 SECTION 5. Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is amended by  
4 adding Section 801.1021 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 801.1021. EXPENSE SHARING ARRANGEMENT. The executive  
6 director may enter into an agreement with another state agency to  
7 share costs and expenses.

8 SECTION 6. Section 801.154, Occupations Code, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 Sec. 801.154. FEES. The board by rule shall set fees in  
11 amounts that are reasonable and necessary so that the fees, in the  
12 aggregate, cover the costs of administering this chapter. The  
13 board by rule may set temporary fees in amounts reasonable and  
14 necessary to cover nonrecurring costs of administering this  
15 chapter.

16 SECTION 7. Chapter 1002, Occupations Code, is amended by  
17 adding Section 1002.1031 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 1002.1031. EXPENSE SHARING ARRANGEMENT. The executive  
19 director may enter into an agreement with another state agency to  
20 share costs and expenses.

21 SECTION 8. Section 1002.152, Occupations Code, is amended  
22 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 1002.152. FEES. The board may set reasonable and  
24 necessary fees to be charged applicants and license holders under  
25 this chapter, including fees for application, examination,  
26 licensure, and renewal of a license. The board shall base a fee for  
27 examination in a discipline of geoscience on the costs associated

1 with preparing, administering, and grading that examination. The  
2 board by rule may set temporary fees in amounts reasonable and  
3 necessary to cover nonrecurring costs of administering this  
4 chapter.

5 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.