

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1534

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Increasing the impaired dentist program license or renewal surcharge.

Sponsors: Representatives Riccelli, Harris, Ryu and Jinkins.

House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services
Senate Committee on Health Care

Background:

The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC), the disciplining authority for licensed dentists in Washington, contracts with a voluntary substance abuse monitoring program for an impaired dentist program. The impaired dentist program may include referrals to substance abuse treatment, education and prevention, and post-treatment monitoring.

If the DQAC determines that the unprofessional conduct of a licensed dentist under investigation may be the result of substance abuse, the DQAC may refer the licensed dentist to the program in lieu of disciplinary action. By rule, the DQAC also permits licensed dentists who are not under investigation to voluntarily participate in the impaired dentist program.

The DQAC contract with the voluntary substance abuse monitoring program is financed by a surcharge of up to \$25 on the initial applications or renewals of licensed dentists.

Summary:

The \$25 limit on the surcharge paid by licensed dentists for the impaired dentist program is increased to \$50.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	94	3
Senate	46	1

Effective: July 28, 2013

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