2013 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2087

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

2087
1/09/2013
Recording Job Number: 17054

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature: Kay Klein

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

At the request of the Board of Podiatric Medicine - relating to the renewal of licenses.

Minutes:

Chairman Judy Lee called meeting of committee to order for SB 2087. The Board of Podiatry was not present to introduce the Bill to the committee so the hearing was recessed until it can be rescheduled. Committee meeting was adjourned.

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2087
1/16/13
Recording Job Number: 17299

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature:

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

At the request of the Board of Podiatric Medicine - relating to the renewal of licenses.

Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Chairman Lee opens hearing on SB 2087.

JoDee Wiedmeier, Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine, is first to testify in support of SB 2087.

See attached testimony #1.

Floor is open for questions from the committee.

Senator Anderson questions the late fee amount that was raised to $1,000.

Ms. Wiedmeier explains that the late fee is primarily used as an incentive so the renewals are in on time. It is not used a lot but the board would like it available. It would also generate money for the board.

Chairman Lee feels that they are going to get legislative resistance to the late fee amount and that they might want to consider an amount that is less than the license fee which is $500.

Senator Anderson explains the reason for his question comparing it to how the fees work with Pharmacists.

Senator Dever asks about expired licenses vs. revoked licenses.

Ms. Wiedmeier explains that a license that is considered "expired" has no disciplinary sanction of revocation. If it's "revoked" it gives a ding on their license. They have the same effect to where they are not able to practice but the difference is that the expired license doesn't have the ding. She then provides an example. Ms. Wiedmeier also explains that notifications are sent when licenses expire and the individuals have 6 months to pay both

the renewal fee and late fee. After 6 months, they would have to reapply and go through the entire process all over again.

Committee agrees that the late fee amount is too high and needs to be amended.

Ms. Wiedmeier expresses that the board would not have a problem with the fee being lowered and agrees to discuss the option with the board members to come up with a more reasonable number.

Senator Anderson recommends putting a set fee into the Bill and then two years from now it can be changed if desired.

Committee has discussion and suggests to Ms. Wiedmeier alternate incentives and repercussions if fees aren't paid.

Ms. Wiedmeier is going to speak with the board about the committee's suggestions and will report back next week.

See attachment #2.

No further testimony in favor or opposition.

Chairman Lee closes hearing on SB 2087.

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2087
1/22/13
Recording Job Number: 17548

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature: Kaiser

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

At the request of the Board of Podiatric Medicine - relating to the renewal of licenses.

Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Committee discussion on SB 2087.

Chairman Lee suggests the amendment for page 1, lines 16 and 17.

Senator Anderson moves to adopt the amendment.

Senator Larson seconds.

Committee discusses the exact language they want to use.

Roll call vote: 5-0, motion to adopt amendment passes

Senator Axness moves Do Pass as Amended.

Senator Larsen seconds.

Roll call vote: 5-0, Do Pass as Amended

Senator Larsen carries Bill to the floor.

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Title.02000

Adopted by the Human Services Committee

January 22, 2013

1/23/13

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2087

Page 1, line 16, remove "more than two times the amount of"

Page 1, line 17, replace "the renewal fee" with "two hundred fifty dollars"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 1/22/13
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2087

Senate Human Services Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 13.8045.01001

Action Taken: ☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☑ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Sen. Anderson Seconded By Sen. Larsen

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
Chariman Judy Lee	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Vice Chairman Oley Larsen	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				
Senator Howard Anderson, Jr.	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 1/22/13
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2087

Senate Human Services Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 13.8045.01001

Action Taken: ☑ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☑ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Sen. Axness Seconded By Sen. Larsen

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
Chariman Judy Lee	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Vice Chairman Oley Larsen	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				
Senator Howard Anderson, Jr.	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Larsen

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2087: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2087 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2013 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2087

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2087
March 12, 2013
Job 19775

☐ Conference Committee

Kristie Hetzler

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

The renewal of podiatrist licenses.

Minutes: Testimony 1

Chairman Weisz: Opened the hearing on SB 2087.

JoDee Wiedmeier: Executive Secretary of the ND Board of Podiatric Medicine testified in support of the bill. (See Testimony #1)

Chairman Weisz: 3:27 What is the current renewal fee?

Wiedmeier: $500

Rep. Fehr: Your renewal is annual and if someone doesn't pay the fee by January 1 the license expired?

Wiedmeier: Typically once the license lapses we consider it expired, they do have 6 month to pay plus a late fee.

Rep. Fehr: Is there license valid if they have not paid the renewal fee between that time?

Wiedmeier: That is correct.

Rep. Fehr: Can you take action right away or do you have to wait the 6 months.

Wiedmeier: It would then be a crime to be practicing without a license and our jurisdiction ends and goes to Attorney General office.

Rep. Fehr: So if they pay in within the 6 months it is not criminal?

Wiedmeier: Not unless they are practicing without it, they could still be reinstated however they have to go through an application process, which is extensive and appear before the board.

Rep. Porter: Todd Porter from District 34, Mandan brought forth an amendment for the bill. When I saw this bill come over I thought an amendment should be brought forth. (See handout #2) If I as a patient make a complaint and then will not sign a release of information so it can be proved what was done then nothing can be done. This amendment says the board can get ahold of those records so they can complete an investigation. 13:22

Vice-Chair Hofstad: Your exemption is what?

Rep. Porter: I will have to look into that.

Rep. Fehr: Is the language pulled out of other statute or used by other boards?

Rep. Porter: It exists in the Medical Examiners and Nurses Boards, this particular language is a little more limited than those.

Weidmeier: I knew Rep. Porter had spoken with Stacy. We would be in favor of this and would like to forward this to Stacy and am confident she would be in support of this.

Chairman Weisz: Closed hearing.

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2087
March 18, 2013
Job #20043

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature	Vicky Crabtree

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

The renewal of podiatrist licenses.

Minutes:

Chairman Weisz: Rep. Porter gave us the amendment 02001 at the hearing.

Rep. Fehr: I motion the amendment.

Rep. Looysen: Second.

Chairman Weisz: The amendment offers subpoena powers, but limited to podiatrist and the records that he may have.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Rep. Fehr: I move a Do Pass as Amended engrossed bill 2087.

Rep. Anderson: Second.

Vice-Chair Hofstad: What was the bill we had regarding podiatrists?

Chairman Weisz: The one part was the subpoena powers and some grandfathering language that also went away.

Vice-Chair Hofstad: I wondered why we had a bill that came from the Senate and the House.

Chairman Weisz: This bill was strictly the subpoena powers. We killed HB 1086 because we thought it went too far.

Vice-Chair Hofstad: As I remember the powers of the board were already in statute.

Chairman Weisz: Other boards have these powers and the Medical Board is one of them. Rep. Porter's amendments will allow them to subpoena the podiatrist and I am comfortable with that.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12 y 0 n 1 absent

MOTION CARRIED

Bill Carrier: Rep. Hofstad

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Porter
February 28, 2013

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3/18/13

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2087

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 3-18-13
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2087

House Human Services Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken: ☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☒ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Fehr Seconded By Rep. Looysen

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN WEISZ			REP. MOONEY		
VICE-CHAIRMAN HOFSTAD			REP. MUSCHA		
REP. ANDERSON			REP. OVERSEN		
REP. DAMSCHEN					
REP. FEHR					
REP. KIEFERT					
REP. LANING					
REP. LOOYSEN					
REP. PORTER					
REP. SILBERNAGEL					

Total (Yes) No

Absent

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent: amendment 02001

Voice Vote
Motion Carried

Date: 3-18-13
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2087

House Human Services Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☒ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Fehr Seconded By Rep. Anderson

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REP. KIEFERT					
REP. LANING					
REP. LOOYSEN					
REP. PORTER					
REP. SILBERNAGEL					

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Hofstad

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2087, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2087 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Renumber accordingly

2013 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SB 2087

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2087
4/10/13
21076

☒ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature	

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

To amend and reenact section 43-05-15 of the ND Century Code, relating to the renewal of licenses.

Minutes: attachments

Sen. Anderson, Sen. Axness, Sen. Larsen are present.

Rep. Hofstad, Rep. Kiefert, Rep. Muscha are present.

Sen. Larsen opens the conference committee for Engrossed SB 2087

Rep. Hofstad explains the amendments to the committee.

Sen. Anderson discusses the email. **Attachment #1** and comments about Subpoena power.

Sen. Anderson motions SENATE acceded to House Amendments SB 2087

Senator Axness seconds

Sen. Larsen asks about the house bill that was defeated that had this amendment on it.

6 yes
0 no
0 absent

Motion Passes

Senator Larsen closes the conference committee.

Date 4-10-11

Roll Call Vote # 1

2013 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2087 as (re) engrossed

Senate Human Services Committee

Action Taken ☑ SENATE accede to House Amendments

☐ SENATE accede to House Amendments and further amend

☐ HOUSE recede from House amendments

☐ HOUSE recede from House amendments and amend as follows

☐ **Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: Sen Anderson Seconded by: Sen Axness

Senators	4/10			Yes	No	Representatives	4/10			Yes	No
Sen. Larsen	✓			✓		Rep. Hofstad	✓			✓	
Sen. Anderson	✓			✓		Rep. Kiefert	✓			✓	
Sen. Axness	✓			✓		Rep. ~~Mushea~~ muschA	✓			✓	
Total Senate Vote				3		Total Rep. Vote				3	

Vote Count Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: —

Senate Carrier Sen Larsen House Carrier Hofstad

LC Number _____ . _____ of amendment

LC Number _____ . _____ of engrossment

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2087, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Larsen, Anderson, Axness and Reps. Hofstad, Kiefert, Muscha) recommends that the **SENATE ACCEDE** to the House amendments as printed on SJ page 878 and place SB 2087 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed SB 2087 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2013 TESTIMONY

SB 2087

Attachment #1

Senate Human Services Committee

SB 2087

January 16, 2013

Testimony of JoDee S. Wiedmeier, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine

Chairwoman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, my name is JoDee Wiedmeier, Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine. By statute, the Board is responsible for regulating the practice of podiatry in North Dakota. On behalf of the board, which is composed of four podiatrists, one medical doctor, and one public member from throughout the state, I speak in support of SB 2087.

SB 2087 has two purposes. The first is to remove the requirement for the board to formally revoke a podiatrist's license when a podiatrist chooses to allow his North Dakota license to lapse by not completing the annual renewal process. A revocation of licensure is a disciplinary sanction, requires notice to the licensee and a formal hearing where the licensee has the right to oppose the revocation. An expired license is an administrative designation that is not a disciplinary sanction and does not require a formal hearing. These amendments will still allow the board to proceed with revocation of a license if, for instance, the licensee is allowing his or her license to lapse due to a pending complaint and is trying to avoid a disciplinary sanction. The amendments are needed to allow the board the *option* of revocation, but not require it.

The second purpose of SB 2087 is to remove the designation of an amount specific ($25.00) as a late fee to be charged by the board. This amendment will allow the board to set an appropriate late fee in accordance with customary practices, to follow inflation rates, and with a limitation to correlate with the current renewal fee. Therefore, an update to the late fee, when necessary, may be accomplished through the administrative process and without the necessity of formal amendment to the North Dakota Century Code.

Thank you. I would be happy to try to answer any questions you may have.

Attachment #2

NDLA, S HMS - Herrick, Kari

From: Lee, Judy E.
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2013 5:33 PM
To: NDLA, S HMS - Herrick, Kari; NDLA, Intern 02 - Myles, Bethany
Subject: FW: SB 2087 - Podiatric Medicine Renewal

Please make copies of this message and put in our notebooks.

Senator Judy Lee
1822 Brentwood Court
West Fargo, ND 58078
home phone: 701-282-6512
e-mail: jlee@nd.gov

From: NDBPME [mailto:ndbpme@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2013 5:30 PM
To: Lee, Judy E.
Cc: Stacy Moldenhauer
Subject: SB 2087 - Podiatric Medicine Renewal

Chairwoman Lee,

I have conversed with the board members. They would definitely agree to reduce the maximum late fee set forth in SB 2087 to "not to exceed more than 1/2 times the current renewal fee." At this time, our renewal fee is $500.00; therefore, this would allow the board to set the fee at a rate of no more than $250.00 and would continue to allow the late fee to correlate directly with the renewal fee. The board would prefer to not set an amount certain in the code at this time. The committee members also mentioned differing processes that other regulatory boards use in order to encourage on time payment of the renewal fee; however, at this time the board would prefer to leave it at simply charging a late fee. If late payments become a greater issue, which the board does not feel is likely with an increased late fee and the fact that the license will expire immediately, they will potentially look at other avenues. Further, the need for an emergency clause was brought up at the committee hearing. The board doesn't feel it is necessary for this amendment.

If hope I covered all of the issues of concern from the committee hearing. If I have missed something, please advise.

Thank you for your time and attention. I very much appreciate your input. Please let me know if you need anything further from me. I look forward to hearing from you.

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House Human Services Committee

SB 2087

March 12, 2013

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The proposed amendment will continue to allow the board to proceed with a revocation proceeding if, for instance, the licensee is allowing his or her license to lapse due to a pending complaint or is trying to avoid a disciplinary sanction by the board. The amendment is needed to allow the board the *option* of revocation, but not to require it.

The second purpose of SB 2087, as amended, is to adjust the late fee charged for delinquent license renewals. The current late fee is $25.00. This bill will raise the late fee charged by the board to $250.00. Late fees are established to cover the cost of additional staff time and expenses required in processing delinquent renewals. They also serve as a deterrent to prevent the late renewal of licenses thereby preventing delinquent licenses, which may also prevent the inadvertent crime of practicing podiatry without a valid license. Further, it has been a least twenty years since this fee has been adjusted. The current late fee of $25.00 is just not sufficient and adjusting it to $250.00 would better serve these criteria.

Thank you. I would be happy to try to answer any questions you may have.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Porter
February 28, 2013

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Renumber accordingly

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Anderson, Jr., Howard C.

From: NDBPME <ndbpme@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 11:57 AM
To: Anderson, Jr., Howard C.
Subject: SB 2087

Senator Anderson:

I have spoken with our attorney and have confirmed that we will just let SB 2087 with the amendments proceed as is, without any requested changes from the board.

We intend to address the powers of the board in the next session. To that end, do you think it would be helpful to obtain a sponor for the bill as opposed to just introducting it as an agency bill? If so, would this be something you would consider sponoring?

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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