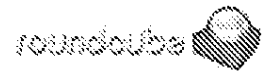


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Roundcube Webmail :: Re: Front Page Contact Form

Subject: **Re: Front Page Contact Form**
From: <vmaihnikoff@wybot.org>
To: <rbutler697@gmail.com>
Date: 2019-06-05 13:45



Robbin,

Thank you for your comments. All comments will be reviewed and considered as we go forward with the final filing of our Rules in 2020.

Sincerely,

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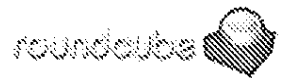
On 2019-06-05 13:35, WordPress wrote:

A message has been submitted to the form on your front page:

rbutler697@gmail.com
Robbin Butler GTH/1

Thank you for again reducing licensure fees and providing support for
reductions in initial licensure fees for lower income and military
families. Nice work.
The new website is very nice to navigate and use as well. Keep up the
good work.

Subject: **Re: Comments on SB396**
 From: <ymlnikoff@webot.org>
 To: Nicole Mouser <nicolemouser@gmail.com>
 Date: 2019-06-13 11:31



Hello Nicole,

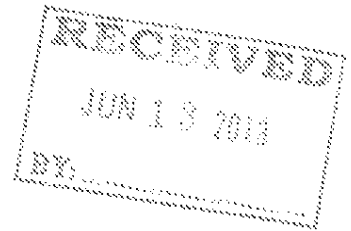
Thank you for your comments regarding our proposed legislative rule changes. You are correct that SB396 has already been passed, and now we have been tasked with implementing through a legislative rule. Many Boards expressed the same concerns that you have raised. In 2018, there was a similar bill that also exempted all young workers (age 18-25) from initial licensure fees. The legislature passed that bill, but thankfully the Governor vetoed it, due to the exact reason that you stated and that these professionals are beginning what could be a very successful and lucrative career. So this year, the legislature removed the young worker exemption, and passed the bill again, and it was signed by the Governor.

We do not have any data to estimate how many people will be eligible for the waiver of initial licensing fees, as income level is not something we have collected in the past. The good news is that most of the Board revenue comes from renewal fees, and the bill does not exempt those. The other thing to consider is that not all of our initial licensees are new graduates. Again, I've not actually tracked the numbers, but we do have a number of new licensees who are already licensed in other states, especially border states. We believe we have taken this into account and have taken a conservative approach to reducing renewal fees as a result.

Again, we appreciate your comments. Thank you for taking the time to read the proposed rules and respond!

Sincerely,

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On 2019-06-13 10:41, Nicole Mouser wrote:
 Comments on SB396

Hello. I have some concerns about SB396. Mainly, I have some questions as I admit that I am not great at understanding the passage of laws, rules, and regulations sometimes. So am I correct in thinking that SB396 passed and it is now a law and the proposed legislative rule 15CSR7 is merely to implement the new law? Or if the legislative rule doesn't pass then the senate bill will not take effect?

I do support limiting licensing fees for military families because of the great sacrifices they make to serve our country. I do not think it is a good idea to waive initial licensing fees entirely. My concern with this is that many students who are just graduating technically would qualify as low income. Many of them do not have jobs and use financial aid to live on (which often is not much) or they have minimum wage jobs which would qualify them as low income. If they are not on their parents' medical insurance, they qualify for Medicaid. I am concerned that if this new law is implemented there will be very few people paying for initial licensing fees in the state of WV. There are usually 30-40 students that graduate each year from WVU. Many of them stay and practice in WV. How will the board recoup the loss of these initial licensing fees? I know that the board has operating costs and I'm worried about what the effect of decreased income will be for the board, especially with lower renewal fees.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

-Erica Nicole Mouser, GTR/L