



Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536



BILL ANALYSIS

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986

Senate Bills 606 and 607 (as introduced 10-9-13)
Sponsor: Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.
Committee: Regulatory Reform

Date Completed: 10-17-13

CONTENT

Senate Bill 606 would repeal Article 27 of the Occupational Code, which regulates and provides for the registration of ocularists, and would delete a provision of the Code related to ocularists.

Senate Bill 607 would repeal Section 62 of the State License Fee Act, which specifies various fees for registration as an ocularist.

Senate Bill 607 is tie-barred to Senate Bill 606.

Senate Bill 606

The bill would repeal Article 27 (Ocularists and Apprentices) of the Occupational Code. Article 27 defines "ocularist" as an individual registered as an ocularist. "Practice of ocularism" means one or more of the following:

- The design and fabrication of ocular prosthetic appliances.
- The fitting of ocular prosthetic appliances.
- The performance of necessary procedures to provide an ocular prosthetic service for the patient in the ocularist's office or laboratory.

Article 27 specifies requirements for registration as an ocularist, and requires the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to issue an apprentice registration to a person who applies for registration and furnishes verification from an ocularist stating the applicant is receiving training under his or her direct supervision.

The Code requires LARA to issue an initial or renewal license or registration within specific time frames. Those requirements do not apply to certain licenses or registrations, include a registration as an ocularist and ocularist apprentice under Article 27. The bill would delete the reference to ocularists and their apprentices in that provision.

Senate Bill 607

The bill would repeal Section 62 of the State License Fee Act. That section sets fees for a person registered or seeking registration as an ocularist or an apprentice ocularist under Article 27 of the Occupational Code, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Fee Type	Amount
Application processing fee, if paid through September 30, 2015	\$35
Application processing fee, if paid after September 30, 2015	\$15
Registration fee for ocularist, per year if paid through September 30, 2015	\$40
Registration fee for ocularist, per year if paid after September 30, 2015	\$20
Registration fee for apprentice, per year if paid through September 30, 2015	\$20
Registration fee for apprentice, per year if paid after September 30, 2015	\$10

MCL 339.411 et al. (S.B. 606)
338.2262 (S.B. 607)

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bills 606 and 607

The bills would have a likely neutral fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and no fiscal impact on local units of government. The bills would remove requirements for ocularists to register and pay registration fees. According to the Department, there are currently 14 individuals registered as ocularists, each of whom pays a \$40 fee annually to maintain registration. Under the bills, the Department would lose this revenue, but also would no longer incur costs associated with registering ocularists. It is expected that this would have a neutral fiscal impact on the Department.

Fiscal Analyst: Josh Sefton

S1314\606sa

This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan Senate staff for use by the Senate in its deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.