

BY: Finance Committee

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 652
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after “payors;” insert “altering the maximum dollar amount of total fees that the Commission may assess in any fiscal year; altering the manner in which the Commission determines the assessments of total fees;”; and in line 13, after “departments;” insert “requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; making clarifying changes;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 27, strike “\$8,250,000” and substitute “\$10,000,000”.

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 14, inclusive, and substitute:

“(5) THE AMOUNT IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION LIMITS ONLY THE TOTAL FEES THE COMMISSION MAY ASSESS IN A FISCAL YEAR.

(D) IN DETERMINING ASSESSMENTS OF THE TOTAL FEES, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) USE A METHODOLOGY THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE PORTION OF THE COMMISSION’S WORKLOAD ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH INDUSTRY ASSESSED;
AND

(2) RECALCULATE WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION EVERY 4 YEARS.”.

On page 6, after line 22, insert:

“(3) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO PERMIT A WAIVER OF THE FEE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.

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(II) IN ADOPTING REGULATIONS TO PERMIT A WAIVER OF THE FEE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

1. CONSIDER THE HOURLY WAGES OF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS; AND

2. GIVE PREFERENCE TO EXEMPTING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS WITH AN AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THAT OF OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.”.