

HOUSE BILL 399: NC Board of Nursing Licensure Fees.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House		April 15, 2025
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 399 would increase the fees paid to the North Carolina Board of Nursing (Board) for applications, renewals, and reinstatements.

CURRENT LAW: The fees that are collected by the Board are used to pay the salaries, compensation, and expenses associated with carrying out the Nursing Practice Act.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would increase the rates for the fee schedule as follows:

- Application for examination leading to license as registered nurse: increase to \$150.00 from \$75.00.
- Application for license as registered nurse by endorsement: increase to \$300.00 from \$150.00.
- Application for each re-examination leading to license as registered nurse: increase to \$150.00 from \$75.00.
- Renewal of license to practice as registered nurse (two-year period): increase to \$200.00 from \$100.00.
- Reinstatement of lapsed license to practice as a registered nurse and renewal fee: increase to \$280.00 from \$180.00.
- Application for examination leading to license as licensed practical nurse by examination: increase to \$150.00 from \$75.00.
- Application for license as licensed practical nurse by endorsement: increase to \$300.00 from \$150.00.
- Application for each re-examination leading to license as licensed practical nurse: increase to \$150.00 from \$75.00.
- Renewal of license to practice as a licensed practical nurse (two-year period): increase to \$200.00 from \$100.00.
- Reinstatement of lapsed license to practice as a licensed practical nurse and renewal fee: increase to \$280.00 from \$180.00.
- Application fee for retired registered nurse status or retired licensed practical nurse status: increase to \$100.00 from \$50.00.

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• Reinstatement of retired registered nurse to practice as a registered nurse or a retired licensed practical nurse to practice as a licensed practical nurse (two-year period): increase to \$200.00 from \$100.00.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective October 1, 2025, and would apply to applications, renewals, and reinstatements for licensure on or after that date.