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Dear licensees and interested parties:

Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The Division proposes an increase in licensing fee amounts in order to comply with the statute listed above, as well as to continue to deliver its current level of service for the dietitians and nutritionists licensing program. The program expenses have slowly been using up its surplus for several years and is heading for a deficit at the end of the next biennium if the fees are not increased. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, this increase will stabilize the program and prevent the need for an even larger increase later.

This fee proposal is entering a public comment period. The division encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this proposal through the division's Regulations Specialist, whose contact information is enclosed on the public notice. After the comment period closes and the division reviews all comments received, the division may adopt the regulation as drafted, may amend a proposed fee, or may withdraw the regulations in part or in its whole.

All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in the fee to be implemented during this fall's license renewal.

Follow the instructions enclosed to make written comments during the public comment period. Comments must be addressed to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811 or jun.maiquis@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janey Hovenden".

Janey Hovenden
Director

Encl.

Chapter 02. General Occupational Licensing Functions.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 02.195 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.195. Dietitians and nutritionists. The following fees are established for dietitians and nutritionists:

- (1) application fee for initial license, **\$100** [\$50];
- (2) license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$125** [\$50];
- (3) biennial license renewal fee, **\$125** [\$50]. (Eff. 11/14/99, Register 152; am

12/16/2001, Register 160; am 12/27/2007, Register 184; am 11/26/2009, Register 192; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 08.01.010 AS 08.01.100 AS 08.38.030
 AS 08.01.065 AS 08.38.020