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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 conducted a thorough program fee analysis and then met with the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy to review it on February 11, 2016. Both the Board and the Division agreed that new applications take a disproportionate amount of the examiner and investigative staffs' time and that the application fee should therefore be raised to offset that expense. The Board also anticipates additional expenses in legal, travel, and other costs associated with legislative objectives. A breakdown of the proposed fees is enclosed and located on the Board's web page at www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy.aspx.

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 season'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, appearing to read "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 02.320(1) is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.320. State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board. The following fees are established for physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants:

(1) application fee for initial license, **\$150** [\$70];

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(Eff. 11/20/86, Register 100; am 10/1/88, Register 107; am 5/20/92, Register 122; am 5/28/93, Register 126; am 3/12/98, Register 145; am 10/28/2000, Register 156; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 6/11/2010, Register 194; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 08.01.065 AS 08.84.050