

HOUSE BILL 775

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 49; Title 62; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 70, relative to the creation of the fee reduction and elimination examination task force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) There is created the fee reduction and elimination examination task force, referred to in this section as the "task force", to conduct a comprehensive study of the continued need for regulatory fees in this state, including but not limited to, fees being imposed on the practice of professions and occupations.

(b) The task force shall be composed of at least three (3) members but no more than five (5) members as follows:

(1) The comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee, who shall serve as an ex officio member and shall convene the first meeting of the task force;

(2) One (1) member of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(3) One (1) member of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate.

(c) The appointing authorities may appoint up to two (2) additional persons to serve as members of the task force, both of whom must be licensed to practice in a profession or occupation in this state.

(d) The appointing authorities shall establish the task force no later than July 1, 2017, and the comptroller of the treasury shall convene the first meeting of the task force.

(e) The comptroller of the treasury shall be responsible for the coordination of the task force, including, but not limited to, facilitating communications among task force members.

(f) The comptroller of the treasury shall report the task force's findings and recommendations, including recommended legislation or rules, to the general assembly by June 30, 2018.

(g) This section shall be repealed July 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.