

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 157 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Dietetics/Nutrition Practice Act

**SPONSOR(S):** Senators Plyler and Purcell

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004-05</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005-06</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Special Revenue Fund	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$133,000
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.					

**BILL SUMMARY:** The bill increases the maximum amount that the Board can charge for the fees listed in GS 90-364. The bill also makes several technical changes to Board appointments and meeting dates.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The fee schedule for the Board of Dietetics/Nutrition has not been changed since 1991 (S.L. 1991, Chapter 668). While the Board does not plan to change its fees for the next three years, it requests this authority to raise fees in case of unforeseen events. Board revenues are currently sufficient to fund operations and provide a small cushion for emergencies or unbudgeted expenses. In FY 1999-2000, revenues were \$109,307 and expenses were \$82,233. The excess revenue was added to a fund balance that totaled \$186,293 on June 30, 2000. The June fund balance is relatively high because the Board receives its license renewals beginning in March each year.

The fiscal estimate for this bill assumes the Board will raise its fees to the maximum allowed. The chart below is based on the average number of licenses issued over the past three years. Approximately 1,550 license renewals are mailed each year and 1,500 are

renewed. New applications average about 100 each year. The Board rarely gives an exam because applicants take the exam given by the American Dietetics Association. Provisional licenses are also rare, but the Board wants to keep the statutory authority to issue one.

	Number <u>Issued</u>	Current <u>Fee</u>	Current <u>Revenue</u>	Maximum <u>Fee</u>	Maximum <u>Revenue</u>
Initial Application	100	\$25	\$2,500	\$100	\$10,000
Exam	0	\$150	\$0	\$200	\$0
Initial License	100	\$100	\$10,000	\$200	\$20,000
License Renewal	1,500	\$50	\$75,000	\$125	\$187,500
Late License Renewal	60	\$50	\$3,000	\$100	\$6,000
Provisional License	0	\$35	\$0	\$100	\$0
			\$90,500		\$223,500

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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