

## CHAPTER 264

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6664]

## BUSINESS LICENSE CENTER ACT AMENDMENTS

AN ACT Relating to the business license center act; amending RCW 19.02.070; adding a new section to chapter 19.02 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 19.02.038 and 19.02.110; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 7, chapter 319, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as last amended by section 6, chapter 182, Laws of 1982 and RCW 19.02.070 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person requiring licenses which have been incorporated into the system shall submit a master application to the department requesting the issuance of the licenses. The master application form shall contain in consolidated form information necessary for the issuance of the licenses.

(2) The applicant shall include with the application the sum of all fees and deposits required for the requested individual license endorsements as well as the handling fee established under section 2 of this act.

(3) Irrespective of any authority delegated to the department of licensing to implement the provisions of this chapter, the authority for approving issuance and renewal of any requested license that requires a preclicensing or renewal investigation, inspection, testing, or other judgmental review by the regulatory agency otherwise legally authorized to issue the license shall remain with that agency. The business license center has the authority to issue those licenses for which proper fee payment and a completed application form have been received and for which no preclicensing or renewal approval action is required by the regulatory agency.

(4) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee payment for any license for which issuance is subject to regulatory agency action under subsection (3) of this section, the department shall immediately notify the regulatory agency with authority to approve issuance or renewal of the license requested by the applicant. Each regulatory agency shall advise the department within a reasonable time after receiving the notice: (a) That the agency approves the issuance of the requested license and will advise the applicant of any specific conditions required for issuing the license; (b) that the agency denies the issuance of the license and gives the applicant reasons for the denial; or (c) that the application is pending.

(5) The department shall issue a master license endorsed for all the approved licenses to the applicant and advise the applicant of the status of other requested licenses. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contest the decision regarding conditions imposed or licenses denied through the normal process established by statute or by the agency with the authority for approving issuance of the license.

(6) Regulatory agencies shall be provided information from the master application for their licensing and regulatory functions.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 19.02 RCW to read as follows:

The department shall collect a handling fee of twelve dollars on each original master license issued. The handling fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the general fund.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. The legislative budget committee shall conduct a performance audit of the master licensing program and report to the senate economic development and labor committee and the house of representatives trade and economic development committee. At a minimum, this study should include an examination of the program cost and effectiveness.

**\*NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:**

*(1) Section 13, chapter 182, Laws of 1982 and RCW 19.02.038; and*

*(2) Section 11, chapter 182, Laws of 1982, section 3, chapter 5, Laws of 1988 and RCW 19.02.110.*

**\*Sec. 4 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.**

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1990. The director of licensing may immediately take such steps as are necessary to ensure that sections 1 and 2 of this act are implemented on their effective date.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1990.

Passed the House March 8, 1990.

Approved by the Governor March 28, 1990, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 28, 1990.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 4, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6664 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the business license center act."

Section 4 repeals the provisions which established the Business License Center and added licenses to the Master License System. Although technically these provisions are no longer applicable since the time frames and requirements have been met, they provide useful historical information regarding the program. It is normal practice to retain such historical information in statute to minimize confusion regarding programs. I have, therefore, vetoed section 4 of this bill.

With the exception of section 4, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6664 is approved."