148.6445 FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Initial licensure fee.** The initial licensure fee for occupational therapists is \$145. The initial licensure fee for occupational therapy assistants is \$80. The commissioner shall prorate fees based on the number of quarters remaining in the biennial licensure period.

Subd. 2. Licensure renewal fee. The biennial licensure renewal fee for occupational therapists is \$145. The biennial licensure renewal fee for occupational therapy assistants is \$80.

Subd. 2a. Duplicate license fee. The fee for a duplicate license is \$25.

Subd. 3. Late fee. The fee for late submission of a renewal application is \$25.

Subd. 4. Temporary licensure fee. The fee for temporary licensure is \$50.

Subd. 5. Limited licensure fee. The fee for limited licensure is \$96.

Subd. 6. Fee for course approval after lapse of licensure. The fee for course approval after lapse of licensure is \$96.

Subd. 7. Verification to other states. The fee for verification of licensure to other states is \$25.

Subd. 8. Verification to institutions. The fee for verification of licensure to institutions is \$10.

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 1Sp2003 c 14 art 7 s 89]

Subd. 10. Use of fees. All fees are nonrefundable. The commissioner shall only use fees collected under this section for the purposes of administering this chapter. The legislature must not transfer money generated by these fees from the state government special revenue fund to the general fund. Surcharges collected by the commissioner of health under section 16E.22 are not subject to this subdivision.

Subd. 11. **Penalty fees.** (a) The penalty fee for practicing occupational therapy or using protected titles without a current license after the credential has expired and before it is renewed is the amount of the license renewal fee for any part of the first month, plus the license renewal fee for any part of any subsequent month up to 36 months.

(b) The penalty fee for applicants who engage in the unauthorized practice of occupational therapy or use protected titles before being issued a license is the amount of the license application fee for any part of the first month, plus the license application fee for any part of any subsequent month up to 36 months. This paragraph does not apply to applicants not qualifying for a license who engage in the unauthorized practice of occupational therapy.

(c) The penalty fee for practicing occupational therapy and failing to submit a continuing education report by the due date with the correct number or type of hours in the correct time period is \$100 plus \$20 for each missing clock hour. "Missing" means not obtained between the effective and expiration dates of the license, the one-month period following the license expiration date, or the 30 days following notice of a penalty fee for failing to report all continuing education hours. The licensee must obtain the missing number of continuing education hours by the next reporting due date.

(d) Civil penalties and discipline incurred by licensees prior to August 1, 2005, for conduct described in paragraph (a), (b), or (c) shall be recorded as nondisciplinary penalty fees. For conduct described in paragraph (a) or (b) occurring after August 1, 2005, and exceeding six

months, payment of a penalty fee does not preclude any disciplinary action reasonably justified by the individual case.

History: 2000 c 361 s 21; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 7 s 52; 2005 c 147 art 9 s 2; 2007 c 147 art 9 s 24,25; 2008 c 189 s 19; 2009 c 79 art 4 s 10; 2012 c 278 art 2 s 14