

Memo to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

From: The N.C. State Board of Dental Examiners
Carolyn Bakewell, Counsel

Date: Oct. 12, 2007

Re: Request for Consultation

Please accept this memorandum as the Dental Board's request pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 12-3.1 for a consultation regarding fee increases proposed by the Dental Board.

The proposed fee increases are as follows:

1) The \$50 fee currently charged to applicants requesting a permit to administer parenteral conscious sedation would be increased to \$100. 21 NCAC 16Q .0301(a). This fee is authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-28, 90-39 and 90-48.

2) The \$50 fee currently charged to applicants requesting a permit to administer enteral conscious sedation would be increased to \$100. 21 NCAC 16Q .0401(a). The fee is authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-28, 90-39 and 90-48.

3) The \$50 fee currently charged to holders of sedation permits who wish to renew their permits would be increased to \$100. 21 NCAC 16Q .0501. The penalty is authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-28, 90-39 and 90-48.

4) The rule would increase the \$50 penalty for individuals who fail to renew their permits on a timely basis to \$100. 21 NCAC 16Q .0501. The penalty is authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-39(2a), 90-28 and 90-48.

The increase in fees is sought to help defray the expenses incurred by the Board in conducting the on-site facilities inspections that are required before a practitioner may obtain a permit to administer parenteral or enteral sedation. See 21 NCAC 16Q .0301(f), .0401(d). The fees will also help defray the Board's expenses in processing applications for permits and maintenance of its records relating to permits.