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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the licensed  
2 practice of behavior analysis in Hawaii is needed for the  
3 public's health, safety, and welfare and that health insurance  
4 plans in Hawaii will only provide reimbursement for services  
5 from behavior analysts who are licensed in the State.

6           The legislature additionally finds that the initial costs  
7 for behavior analyst licensure and the annual fees to maintain  
8 this license can total over \$1,000; these amounts can be  
9 significant to behavior analysts, many of whom are paid hourly  
10 with minimal benefits. Accordingly, the legislature finds that  
11 reducing the surcharge on the license and renewal fee will ease  
12 the financial burden of behavior analyst licensing, thereby  
13 encouraging the licensure of behavior analysts and increasing  
14 the number of licensed behavior analysts available to the  
15 public.

16           The purpose of this Act is to reduce the surcharge for  
17 behavior analyst licensing from \$100 to \$50.



1 SECTION 2. Section 465D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Upon issuance of a new license and at each license  
4 renewal period, each behavior analyst shall pay, in addition to  
5 a license fee or renewal fee, a surcharge of [~~\$100,~~ \$50, which  
6 shall be maintained in a separate account within the compliance  
7 resolution fund established pursuant to section 26-9(o). At the  
8 end of each quarter, the moneys contained in the separate  
9 account established pursuant to this section shall be  
10 transferred to the compliance resolution fund until such time  
11 that the total transferred amounts equal the amount appropriated  
12 in section 5 of Act 199, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015.  
13 Thereafter, no surcharge shall be assessed, and any funds in  
14 excess of the amount appropriated in section 5 of Act 199,  
15 Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, shall be deposited into the  
16 compliance resolution fund."

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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S.B. NO. 2670

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# S.B. NO. 2610

**Report Title:**

Licensing; Practice of Behavior Analysis; Behavior Analysts;  
Behavior Analyst Program; Department of Commerce and Consumer  
Affairs

**Description:**

Reduces the surcharge on the license and renewal fee for  
behavior analysts from \$100 to \$50.

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