

CHAPTER 410

AN ACT concerning the practice of medicine and amending P.L.1989, c.300.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 25 of P.L.1989, c.300 (C.45:9-19.15) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-19.15 Licensing fees for physician, podiatrist.

25. a. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall increase the licensing fee of physicians and podiatrists in an amount sufficient to fund the costs of establishing and operating the Medical Practitioner Review Panel and the position of medical director, established pursuant to P.L.1989, c.300 (C.45:9-19.4 et al.).

b. The board shall establish a reduced licensing fee for physicians and podiatrists who are 65 years of age or older and who have no affiliation status with a licensed health care facility or a health maintenance organization.

c. The board shall charge the following licensing fees to a physician whose professional practice is limited to providing patient care exclusively without compensation or the expectation or promise of compensation and in a facility or through a program conducted under the supervision of a physician licensed by and in good standing with the State: \$150 for the license application fee; \$125 each for the initial and biennial registration fees, respectively; and \$100 for the endorsement fee. Nothing in this subsection, except for the licensing fee, shall be construed to exempt any person from or abrogate any provision in Title 45 of the Revised Statutes or any other Title applicable to the practice of medicine or surgery and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto including, but not limited to, requirements for licensure or coverage by medical malpractice liability insurance.

2. The State Board of Medical Examiners in the Department of Law and Public Safety shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to carry out the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment.

Approved January 8, 2002.