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SENATE BILL 863

Short Title: Standards Lab Fees Established.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Speed; Conder, Hunt, Martin of Pitt, Parnell, and Soles.

Referred to: Finance.

May 6, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STANDARDS LABORATORY AND TO ESTABLISH A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE STANDARDS LABORATORY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture the sum of \$29,900 for fiscal year 1991-92 and the sum of \$29,100 for fiscal year 1992-93 to be used for the purchase and inspection of new laboratory equipment and related computer equipment for the Standards Division Laboratory.

Sec. 2. Article 1 of Chapter 81A of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section:

"§ 81A-11. Fee schedule.

(a) The following fees apply to all weights that are tested and certified to meet tolerances less stringent than American National Standards Institute/American Society for Testing and Materials (ANSI/ASTM) Standard E617 Class 4. If the weight error exceeds three-fourths of the applicable tolerance, adjustment shall be required and the unit fee shall be doubled. Even if weights are rejected or condemned, fees shall be assessed for the test performed.

<u>Customary</u>	<u>Fee/Unit</u>	<u>Metric</u>	<u>Fee/Unit</u>
<u>0 - 2 lb</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>	<u>0 - 1 kg</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
<u>3 - 10 lb</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>2 - 5 kg</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
<u>11 - 50 lb</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>6 - 30 kg</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<u>51 - 500 lb</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	<u>31 - 200 kg</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
<u>501 - 1000 lb</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	<u>201 - 450 kg</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>

1	<u>1001 - 2500 lb</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	<u>451 - 1000 kg</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
2	<u>2501 - 5000 lb</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>1001 - 2000 kg</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>

3 (b) The following fees apply to all weights that are tested and certified to meet
4 ANSI/ASTM Standard E617 Class 4 or NIST Class P tolerances. If the weight error
5 exceeds three-fourths of the applicable tolerance, adjustment shall be required and the
6 unit fee shall be doubled. Even if weights are rejected or condemned, fees shall be
7 assessed for the test performed.

8	<u>Customary</u>	<u>Fee/Unit</u>	<u>Metric</u>	<u>Fee/Unit</u>
9	<u>0 - 10 lb</u>	<u>\$ 6.00</u>	<u>0 - 5 kg</u>	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
10	<u>11 - 50 lb</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	<u>6 - 30 kg</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
11	<u>51 - 500 lb</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	<u>31 - 200 kg</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
12	<u>501 - 1000 lb</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>201 - 450 kg</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
13	<u>1001 - 2500 lb</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>451 - 1000 kg</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
14	<u>2501 - 5000 lb</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>1001 - 2000 kg</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

15 (c) The following fees apply to all weights that are calibrated. Calibration means
16 determining actual mass and apparent mass values. Tolerance testing fees shall be
17 assessed on weights that can only be adjusted to a lower tolerance or are rejected for any
18 reason.

19	<u>Customary</u>	<u>Fee/Unit</u>	<u>Metric</u>	<u>Fee/Unit</u>
20	<u>0 - 20 lb</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	<u>0 - 10 kg</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
21	<u>21 - 50 lb</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>11 - 30 kg</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
22	<u>51 - 1000 lb</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>31 - 450 kg</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
23	<u>1001 - 2500 lb</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>451 - 1000 kg</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
24	<u>2501 - 5000 lb</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>1001 - 2000 kg</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

25 (d) The following fees apply to volumetric flasks, graduates, or test measures.

26	<u>Customary</u>	<u>Fee/Test Point</u>	<u>Metric</u>	<u>Fee/Test Point</u>
27	<u>0 - 5 gal</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	<u>0 - 20 liters</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
28	<u>Over 5 gal</u>	<u>Add \$0.20 per</u>	<u>Over 20 liters</u>	<u>Add \$0.05 per</u>
29		<u>each additional</u>		<u>each additional</u>
30		<u>gallon</u>		<u>liter</u>

31 (e) The following fees apply to tape measures and rigid rules.

32	<u>Set Up Fee</u>	<u>\$20.00 per instrument</u>
33	<u>Calibration</u>	<u>\$ 5.00 per calibration point</u>

34 (f) The following fees apply to liquid-in-glass and electronic thermometers.

35	<u>Set Up Fee</u>	<u>\$20.00 / instrument</u>
36	<u>Calibration</u>	<u>\$10.00 / calibration point</u>
37	<u>Ice Point Test</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>

38 (g) Any special tests or weight cleaning shall be billed at the rate of \$35.00 per
39 hour prorated to the nearest tenth of an hour, with a minimum charge of \$17.50.

40 (h) If travel is required in connection with the performance of any of these
41 services, the Department shall be reimbursed at the rates provided in G.S. 138-6.

42 (i) The Department may refuse to accept for testing any weight or measure the
43 Department deems unsuited for its intended use."

1 Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 1991. Section 2
2 becomes effective October 1, 1991.