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LB 378, 383, 702

correctly engrossed; 383 and 702 all correctly engrossed.

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to 378 was one from Senator Richard Peterson and I understand he wishes to withdraw.

PRESIDENT: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, yes, I wish to withdraw that.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Peterson wishes to withdraw. It is withdrawn, Senator Peterson.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Wesely. It is Request #2696. You'll find it in your bill books, Request #2696.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I'll withdraw that amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: Alright, the amendment is withdrawn, Senator Wesely, thank you. The next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Cullan. (Read Cullan amendment as found on page 976 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this imposes a \$500 application fee. The fiscal analyst believes and I guess the Department of Health has made the assertion that LB 378 will require additional staff and there will be some expense required as a result of the review panel meeting more often, changing it from the advisory committee and then expanding it somewhat and so to defray any potential fiscal impact of LB 378 I impose this license fee. Irrespective of whether LB 378 has a fiscal impact or not and I personally believe that it does not because it is my opinion and I think I could demonstrate it very clearly that LB 378 will significantly reduce the cost to the state of certificate of need because the work load of the Department of Health is going to be cut. The number of applications they are going to process is going to be cut by approximately 40%. So I personally believe that there is no additional fiscal impact but irrespective of that I think it is a good idea for there to be some money raised as a result of application fees on certificate of need applications. This will certainly do away with any contention that there needs to be an A bill and it will provide some additional funds for the Department