

Department of Health, remember, there are 20 different groups licensed now, they pay a fee to be licensed, that goes into a fund or a series of funds. We are saying to fund this bill 5 percent of all those fees go into another fund and that is the review process fund, but if you start at the start of this next fiscal year, you won't have enough money to cover it so you will have to start back January 1.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So, what you want to do then, you have to go to the appropriations department and have them review and redo the Health Department's appropriations?

SENATOR WESELY: No. This money is...

SENATOR HIGGINS: It is going to be entirely funded by fees? Who is going to pay the fees if nobody gets licensed?

SENATOR WESELY: Those who are already licensed are paying the fees already, those 20.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Oh, so what you are saying is you are not going to increase their fees?

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, what happens to the fees that they paid January 1 of '84, wasn't that to carry the cost of this year for the Health Department?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, let me tell you how that works, Marge. You pay in the licensure fee and then that money goes into a fund for that different licensing group and there is a Bureau of Examining Board that uses that money to license the group and do inspections and stuff. But right now they have an excess, a rather large excess, in these funds and so they have extra money and the 5 percent wouldn't even come close to taking their extra money and we would just divert that over to do this process. Their fees are more than the cost of operating their programs.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, then why don't we lower their fees? I mean, aren't we here to save the taxpayers money?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, most of the time the licensure fees levels are agreed to by those that are licensed or else we would change them. The extra money, like I said, does go