Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
Division 2263—State Committee for Social Workers
Chapter 1—Fees

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2263-1.035 Fees. The State Committee for Social Workers is proposing to amend subsection (1)(C).

PURPOSE: This emergency amendment increases 2020 social worker renewal fees to ensure compliance with section 337.612, RSMo.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: The State Committee for Social Workers is statutorily obligated to set all fees, by regulation, necessary to administer the provisions of Chapter 337.600, RSMo. Pursuant to section 337.612, RSMo, the committee shall set the appropriate amount of fees by rule, so that the revenue produced shall not substantially exceed the cost and expense of administering the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689, RSMo. In 2009, fees were reduced in order to remain in compliance with 337.612(5), RSMo. However, steadily increasing costs of doing business have reduced the operating fund below a workable level. The committee is proposing to increase the renewal fee from fifty-eight dollars ($58) to sixty-five dollars ($65). Renewal notices will be mailed on July 1, 2020. Without this emergency amendment, the increased renewal fees will not be effective prior to mailing and the committee would not collect the additional revenue needed to maintain solvency. In developing this emergency amendment, the committee has determined that the fee increase is necessary for the 2020 renewal period in order to maintain an adequate fund balance necessary to administer the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689, RSMo.

Pursuant to section 324.001.10, RSMo, a compelling governmental interest is deemed to exist for the purposes of section 536.025, RSMo, for licensure fees to be increased by emergency rule. The scope of this emergency rule is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the Missouri and United States Constitutions. The State Committee for Social Workers believes this emergency amendment to be fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed May 14, 2020, becomes effective May 29, 2020, and expires February 25, 2021.


PUBLIC COST: This emergency amendment will not have a cost to state agencies or political subdivisions in the time the emergency is effective.

PRIVATE COST: This emergency amendment will cost private entities approximately twenty-three thousand eight hundred dollars ($23,800) in the time the emergency is effective.