From: Amanda Potter [mailto:2011.aapmessages@aapm.org] Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 8:07 AM To: jec2046@med.cornell.edu Subject: NY House Bill 252 - Reduced Biennial Registration Fees

In the New York state legislature, House Bill 252 was prefiled for the 2011 legislative session by Assembly member Kevin A. Cahill. The bill has been introduced in prior legislative sessions but has not yet been passed.

This bill would amend Section 8705 of the education law to reduce the biennial registration fee for the profession of medical physics from \$300 to \$125 so as to reflect the original intent of Chapter 495 of the laws of 2001. When the licensure law was passed by the legislature, it was contemplated that the \$300 biennial registration fee would be a flat fee per licensee and would not increase depending on the number of specialties. In the process of implementing the legislation, however, it was discovered that existing Education Department policies provide that specialty designations in other areas require the payment of a registration fee for each specialty designation. Due to this policy, it is necessary to reduce the registration fee to \$125. Most medical physicists have two or three specialties and would pay \$250 or \$375 in biennial registration fees, an amount which is comparable to that which was originally intended when Chapter 495 of the laws of 2001 was passed.

Once the 2011 legislative session has begun on January 5, 2011 you may track the bill's progress by searching for either bill number or key words <u>by going here</u> and utilizing the search tool on the left-hand side "Bill Search & Legislative Information."

Please let me know if you have questions.

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