

(D) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO COVER THE ACTUAL DOCUMENTED DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF FULFILLING THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DUTIES OF EACH OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(E) THE SECRETARY OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(F) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

2-106.2.

(A) (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH EACH BOARD DESCRIBED IN § 2-106.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL ANNUALLY CALCULATE THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH BOARD.

(2) EACH BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH FEES BASED ON THE CALCULATIONS PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) EACH FEE ESTABLISHED BY AN INDIVIDUAL BOARD MAY NOT BE INCREASED ANNUALLY BY MORE THAN 12.5% OF THE EXISTING AND CORRESPONDING FEE OF THE BOARD.

(B) IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH FEES THAT MORE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF EACH BOARD AMONG SIMILAR BOARDS, THE SECRETARY MAY AVERAGE THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF ONE OR MORE BOARDS PROVIDED THAT THE BOARDS CONSENT TO HAVING THEIR DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS AVERAGED TOGETHER.

### **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

3-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Architect" means an individual who practices architecture.

(c) "Board" means, unless the context requires otherwise, the State Board of Architects.

(d) "Code official" means a public official responsible for the review of building permit documents or the issuance of building permits.

(e) "Design coordination" means the review and coordination of services provided by individuals licensed or certified under Titles 3, 8, 9, 14, and 15 of this article.

(f) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice architecture.