SENATE BILL No. 599

October 11, 1989, Introduced by Senators CHERRY, BARCIA and O'BRIEN and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Technology.

A bill to amend section 22 of Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, entitled as amended

"State construction code act of 1972,"

as amended by Act No. 371 of the Public Acts of 1980, being section 125.1522 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Section 1. Section 22 of Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of
- 2 1972, as amended by Act No. 371 of the Public Acts of 1980, being
- 3 section 125.1522 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 22. (1) The legislative body of a governmental subdi-
- 6 vision shall establish reasonable fees to be charged by the gov-
- 7 ernmental subdivision for acts and services performed by the
- 8 enforcing agency or construction board of appeals pursuant to
- 9 this act, which fees shall be intended to bear a reasonable

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- 1 relation to the cost, including overhead, to the governmental
- 2 subdivision of the acts and services, including, without limita-
- 3 tion, those services and acts as, in case of an enforcing agency,
- 4 issuance of building permits, examination of plans and specifica-
- 5 tions, inspection of construction undertaken pursuant to a build-
- 6 ing permit, -and the issuance of certificates of use and occu-
- 7 pancy, and, in case of FOR a board of appeals, hearing appeals
- 8 in accordance with this act. The enforcing agency shall collect
- 9 the fees established under this subsection.
- 10 (2) To accomplish the objectives of this section and this
- 11 act, a state construction code fund is created. The director of
- 12 labor, after approval by the commission and following a public
- 13 hearing held by the commission, shall establish reasonable fees
- 14 to be charged by the commission for acts and services performed
- 15 by the commission including, without limitation, inspection of
- 16 plans and specifications, issuance of certificates of acceptabil-
- 17 ity, testing and evaluation of new products, methods, and pro-
- 18 cesses of construction or alteration, issuance of building per-
- 19 mits, inspection of construction undertaken pursuant to a build-
- 20 ing permit, the issuance of certificates of use and occupancy,
- 21 and hearing of appeals. Fees established by the department shall
- 22 be intended to bear a reasonable relation to the cost, including
- 23 overhead, of the service or act. Until the director of labor
- 24 establishes fees pursuant to this act, the fees established pur-
- 25 suant to this subsection shall remain in effect. The state trea-
- 26 surer shall be the custodian of the fund and may invest the
- 27 surplus of the fund in investments as in the state treasurer's

- 1 judgment are in the best interest of the fund. Earnings from
- 2 those investments shall be credited to the fund. The state trea-
- 3 surer shall notify the director and the legislature of interest
- 4 credited and the balance of the fund as of September 30 of each
- 5 year. The director shall supervise and administer the fund.
- 6 Fees received by the department and money collected under this
- 7 act shall be deposited in the state construction code fund and
- 8 shall be appropriated by the legislature for the operation of the
- 9 bureau of construction codes, and indirect overhead expenses in
- 10 the department. However, this restricted fund shall not be
- 11 appropriated for the bureau of construction code's performance
- 12 evaluation program and complaint investigation program. The per-
- 13 formance evaluation program and complaint investigations mandated
- 14 in this act shall be funded by appropriations from the general
- 15 fund. Funds which THAT are unexpended at the end of each
- 16 fiscal year shall be returned to the state construction code
- 17 fund. A self-supporting fund shall be established within the
- 18 commission to provide for the purchase and sale of codes and
- 19 standards to the general public.