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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RYAN -- (at request of the Office of Court Administration) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law and the state finance law, in relation to the attorney licensing fund

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 465 of the judiciary law, as
2 amended by section 6 of part K of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 1. Every person applying for examination for admission to practice as
5 an attorney and counselor at law shall pay a fee of two hundred fifty
6 dollars, or seven hundred fifty dollars if, to qualify to take the bar
7 examination, the person must satisfy the rules of the court of appeals
8 for the admission of attorneys and counselors at law governing the study
9 of law in a foreign country, for each taking or retaking of the examina-
10 tion, or if dispensation has been received from the taking of the exam-
11 ination, four hundred dollars for credential review for admission on
12 motion. All such fees shall be paid into the state treasury [~~in the~~
13 ~~manner provided by section one hundred twenty-one~~] and thereupon trans-
14 ferred to the attorney licensing fund established by section ninety-
15 four-c of the state finance law.

16 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 94-c to
17 read as follows:

18 § 94-c. Attorney licensing fund. 1. The attorney licensing fund is
19 hereby continued in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the
20 commissioner of taxation and finance.

21 2. Such fund shall consist of that portion of the biennial attorney
22 registration fee deposited therein pursuant to section four hundred
23 sixty-eight-a of the judiciary law and any other moneys deposited there-
24 in or transferred thereto pursuant to law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 3. All moneys in the attorney licensing fund shall be available,
2 subject to appropriation and in addition to any other moneys available
3 pursuant to law, for the payment of services and expenses of the judici-
4 ary in operating its candidate examination (state board of law examin-
5 ers), candidate fitness (committees on character and fitness) and attor-
6 ney disciplinary programs pursuant to section ninety of the judiciary
7 law, including liabilities incurred in a prior fiscal year.

8 4. All payments of moneys from the attorney licensing fund shall be
9 made on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified
10 and approved by the chief administrator of the courts.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.