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**DIVISION 8. SPECIAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS [18400 - 22949.92.2]** ( *Division 8 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 44.*  )

**CHAPTER 3. Home Furnishings [19000 - 19221]** ( *Heading of Chapter 3 amended by Stats. 1972, Ch. 749.*  )

**ARTICLE 8. Fees [19170 - 19174.5]** ( *Article 8 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 46.*  )

**19170.** (a) The fee imposed for the issuance and for the biennial renewal of each license granted under this chapter shall be set by the chief, with the approval of the director, at a sum not more nor less than that shown in the following table:

	Maximum fee	Minimum fee
Importer's license .....	\$940	\$120
Furniture and bedding manufacturer's license .....	940	120
Wholesale furniture and bedding dealer's license .....	675	120
Supply dealer's license .....	675	120
Custom upholsterer's license .....	450	80
Sanitizer's license .....	450	80
Retail furniture and bedding dealer's license .....	300	40
Retail furniture dealer's license .....	150	20
Retail bedding dealer's license .....	150	20

(b) Individuals who, in their own homes and without the employment of any other person, make, sell, advertise, or contract to make pillows, quilts, quilted pads, or comforters are exempt from the fee requirements imposed by subdivision (a). However, these individuals shall comply with all other provisions of this chapter.

(c) Retailers who only sell "used" and "antique" furniture as defined in Sections 19008.1 and 19008.2 are exempt from the fee requirements imposed by subdivision (a). Those retailers are also exempt from the other provisions of this chapter.

(d) A person who makes, sells, or advertises upholstered furniture and bedding as defined in Sections 19006 and 19007, and who also makes, sells, or advertises furniture used exclusively for the purpose of physical fitness and exercise, shall comply with the fee requirements imposed by subdivision (a).

(e) A person who has paid the required fee and who is licensed either as an upholstered furniture and bedding manufacturer or a custom upholsterer under this chapter shall not be required to additionally pay the fee for a sanitizer's license.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 187, Sec. 3. (AB 1175) Effective January 1, 2016.)

**19170.3.** The annual fee for an insulation manufacturing license shall be fixed by the bureau in an amount not less than one thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$1,850) but not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

*(Added by renumbering Section 19170 (as added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1456) by Stats. 1986, Ch. 248, Sec. 9.)*

**19170.5.** (a) Except as provided in Section 19170.3, licenses issued under this chapter expire two years from the date of issuance. To renew his or her license, a licensee shall, on or before the date on which it would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the chief, and pay the fees prescribed by Sections 19170 and 19213.1. If a licensee fails to renew his or her license before its expiration, a delinquency fee of 20 percent, but not more than one hundred dollars (\$100), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 163.5, shall be added to the renewal fee. If the renewal fee and delinquency fee are not paid within 90 days after expiration of a license, the licensee shall be assessed an additional penalty fee of 30 percent of the renewal fee.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a licensee may renew an expired license within six years after expiration of the license by filing an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the bureau, and paying all accrued renewal, delinquent, and penalty fees.

(c) A license that is not renewed within six years of its expiration shall not be renewed, restored, reinstated, or reissued, but the holder of the license may apply for and obtain a new license if both of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) No fact, circumstance, or condition exists which would justify denial of licensure under Section 480.

(2) The licensee pays all renewal, delinquency, and penalty fees that have accrued since the date on which the license was last renewed.

(d) The bureau may impose conditions on any license issued pursuant to subdivision (c).

*(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 354, Sec. 69. Effective January 1, 2008.)*

**19172.** A person may not obtain a new license of the same class as the license held during the last preceding license period, but may renew the license previously held by him or her on payment of the renewal fee and delinquency fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which he or she applies for renewal provided the license has not been canceled in accordance with Section 19170.5.

*(Amended by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1264, Sec. 87. Effective January 1, 1994.)*

**19173.5.** Section 11002 of the Government Code authorizes the use of the United States postal cancellation on the envelope in which the fee is mailed, as the date of payment.

*(Amended by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1161.)*

**19174.** All fees collected under this chapter shall be reported to the Controller and paid to the Treasurer and credited to the Household Goods and Services Fund, to be expended only for the purposes of the bureau and in carrying out this chapter.

*(Amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 508, Sec. 36. (SB 814) Effective January 1, 2024.)*

**19174.5.** (a) All moneys in the Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Fund shall be transferred to the Household Goods and Services Fund by July 1, 2026. On July 1, 2026, the Home Furnishing and Thermal Insulation Fund shall be abolished.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.

*(Added by Stats. 2023, Ch. 508, Sec. 37. (SB 814) Effective January 1, 2024. Repealed as of December 31, 2026, by its own provisions.)*