

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0816-01  
Bill No.: HB 230  
Subject: Liability; Licenses–Professional  
Type: Original  
Date: February 19, 2001

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator, Department of Transportation, Department of Economic Development, Department of Insurance, and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

In response to similar previous legislation, officials with the **Office of the Attorney General** and the **Department of Natural Resources** assumed no fiscal impact to their agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal could have a direct fiscal impact on small businesses operating as licensed architects, engineers, and land surveyors by providing cause for dismissal of lawsuits. Also, the proposal would have a direct fiscal impact on small businesses bringing suit against these professionals.

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires any plaintiff seeking damages for the negligence of a licensed architect, engineer, or land surveyor to secure an affidavit from a similarly licensed professional stating that the defendant failed to use reasonable care in providing the service and that this failure caused or contributed to the damages claimed.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Department of Transportation  
Department of Economic Development  
Department of Insurance  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**NOT RESPONDING**

Office of the Attorney General  
Department of Natural Resources

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA  
Director

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