

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1402-01
Bill No.: HB 469
Subject: Licenses - Professional; Department of Economic Development
Type: Original
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FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| PR Fees Fund | (\$12,500) | (\$8,755) | (\$9,018) |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds | (\$12,500) | (\$8,755) | (\$9,018) |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

This legislation requires that the certificate number and expiration date on a certificate of registration issued by the State Board of Healing Arts be easily readable from a reasonable distance. Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** state that this proposal does not define "reasonable distance" nor the font size necessary to make it "easily readable". Passage of this proposal would not only affect the certificates/licenses issued by the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts but would affect all of the licenses/certificates issued and printed for the entire division as the license/certificate format is the same for all.

Currently, certificates/licenses are printed in a 9 pitch font. The font size may be increased up to 11 pitch at no additional cost. Font size increased to an amount larger than 11 pitch would require a reformatting of the current licensing system at an estimated cost of **\$4,000**. In addition, there would be an increase in the costs for license paper and mailing envelopes to accommodate a larger license/certificate. Current license paper costs an average of \$.12 per sheet (8 1/2 x 11). It is estimated that larger license paper would cost at least \$.15 per sheet (8 1/2 x 14). The division prints approximately 170,000 licenses/certificates per year. This would be an increase in the cost of license paper of **\$5,100** per year. Mailing envelopes currently cost the division approximately \$.02 each. It is estimated that larger envelopes would cost at least \$.04 each. The division mails approximately 170,000 licenses/certificates per year. This would be an increase in envelope costs of **\$3,400** per year. There may be other unknown costs associated with the implementation of this legislative proposal (i.e. (such as ink due to the increase in font size), etc.) **NOTE: The costs associated with this fiscal note will be paid out of each board's fund (approximately 32) within the division based on licensee count.**

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2002 (10 Mo.) | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Professional Registration Fees Fund | | | |
| Cost to Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration | | | |
| Reformatting system, paper, envelopes | (\$12,500) | (\$8,755) | (\$9,018) |

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

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts to print certificates of registration for physicians in a manner which makes the certification number and expiration date easily readable from a reasonable distance.

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

Department of Economic Development - Professional Registration



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