

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1647-01
Bill No.: HB 744
Subject: Economic Development Department; Health Care; Licenses - Professional
Type: Original
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FISCAL SUMMARY

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$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 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development -- Division of Professional Registration** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** assume any additional duties or responsibilities as result of the proposed legislation accrue to the Department of Economic Development, not to the Department of Mental Health. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to DMH.

<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

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

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation:

1. Expands the definition of "professional counseling" to include diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders;
2. Limits a person's practice to demonstrated areas of competence documented by relevant professional education, training, and experience;
3. Exempts ministers, clergy, or duly accredited Christian Scientist practitioners; substance abuse counselors; and state employees or consultants from licensure as long as their practice is consistent with established standards of their profession;
4. Contains license renewal requirements;

DESCRIPTION (continued)

5. Makes additions to the educational requirements necessary to become a licensed professional counselor. These include a doctoral degree in a mental health discipline, a specialist's degree consisting of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in counseling or a mental health discipline, or a master's degree in counseling consisting of 45 semester hours or 60 quarter hours including 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours of clinical practicum. An internship may be substituted for the clinical practicum hours for those persons having a master's degree in a mental health discipline. Those with master's degrees and currently certified by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education are exempt from the clinical practicum and internship. All applicants with master's degrees must have at least 2 years of acceptable supervised counseling experience before receiving their license;
6. Defines a "mental health discipline" as a degree in school psychology, counseling psychology, or clinical psychology; and
7. Requires the Committee for Professional Counselors to adopt an examination for licensure and allows the examination to be prepared and administered by another organization.

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
Division of Professional Registration
Department of Mental Health



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