

# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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S.B. 314*	<b>Bill Analysis</b>
133 <sup>rd</sup> General Assembly	

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### SUMMARY

- Requires a state agency to waive any fee charged to a professional license holder that is associated with a business relocation due to the economic downturn attributable to COVID-19.
- Declares an emergency.

## **DETAILED ANALYSIS**

#### Waiver of business relocation fee

The bill requires a state agency that issues a professional license to waive any fee associated with a business relocation if a professional license holder verifies that the relocation is necessary because of the economic downturn attributable to COVID-19 and the state of emergency. A professional license includes all licenses issued under the occupations and professions laws<sup>1</sup> and licenses issued by the Department of Commerce.

The waiver applies during the period beginning on the bill's effective date and ending six months after the date the state of emergency declared under Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, to protect the well-being of Ohio citizens from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, ends.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R.C. Title XLVII.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 1.

#### **Effective date**

The bill declares an emergency by stating its provisions are necessary to ease the financial strain on businesses due to commercial decline caused by the restrictions and other precautions imposed as part of the state of emergency regarding COVID-19. If passed as an emergency law, the bill will go into effect immediately following the Governor's signature.<sup>3</sup>

## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-19-20
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<sup>3</sup> Section 2.