



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 75 of the 132nd G.A.
(LSC 132 0251-2)

Status: In House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs,
and Homeland Security

Sponsor: Reps. Gavarone and Merrin

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Professional licenses for service members and spouses

State Fiscal Highlights

- To some degree, all of the state's close to 40 occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions are likely to experience a workload increase related to establishing and maintaining the bill's required professional licensing process. These state agencies should be able to absorb the additional work with existing resources and not require additional staff or appropriated funds. Additional licensing-related revenue may be generated as well.
- An uncertain fiscal effect is the potential cost, presumably one time, for any necessary changes to the state's eLicensing system,¹ which is administered by the Department of Administrative Services' Office of Information Technology.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Professional licenses for service members and their spouses

For active duty members and their spouses, the bill requires, by January 1, 2018, a state licensing agency to adopt rules to establish a process for granting either a license or a temporary license to those persons if the person holds a comparable license from another state. The bill requires license applications from such persons to be prioritized and expedited.

It appears that close to 40 state occupational and regulatory boards and commissions are likely to be affected in some manner by the bill's required licensing process (for a list of the affected boards and commissions, see the table attached). The number of persons that will utilize this licensing process is indeterminate. Anecdotally,

¹ eLicensing is an online data entry and electronic fee payment system utilized by occupational licensing and regulatory boards.

however, it has been suggested that the number applying to any given state licensing agency is likely to be relatively small.

All of these state licensing agencies are likely to experience, to varying degrees, a workload increase related to establishing and maintaining the bill's required licensing process. These agencies should be able to absorb the additional work with existing resources and not require additional staff or appropriated funds. Additional licensing-related revenue may be generated as well.

To some extent, for certain state licensing agencies, the bill is codifying current practice with respect to reciprocity. However, it is important to note that few licensing agencies in Ohio offer direct reciprocity, i.e., an applicant licensed in another state is automatically able to obtain a license in Ohio, but instead, offer some form of limited reciprocity. Some agencies have raised concerns about the amount of time and effort that it may take to perform the required applicant verification and determination duties, and monitoring the scope of practice permitted under professional licenses in other states.

It is possible that some state licensing agencies may incur some one-time costs to adjust their existing licensing cycle to comply with the 12-month issuance of a license by endorsement, as some agencies grant temporary licenses that may be valid for a period of time that differs from the bill. A related concern is the potential cost of any necessary changes to the state's eLicensing system. Presumably, any such cost largely will be one time in nature, but its magnitude is uncertain. To the degree that these licensing agencies participate in the eLicensing system, they may have to share in absorbing that cost.

Under current law, state licensing agencies generally are required to establish and implement a process to document, record, track, monitor, prioritize, and expedite certification or licensing for service members, veterans, or the spouse or surviving spouse of the member or veteran. There should be no discernible cost for a state licensing agency to expand that process to include certain additional persons.

State Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Boards and Commissions	
Agency Name	Agency Name
Accountancy Board	Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission
Architects Board and the State Board of Landscape Architect Examiners	State Medical Board
Ohio Athletic Commission	Motor Vehicle Repair Board
Auctioneers Program (Department of Agriculture)	Motor Vehicle Dealers Licensing Board (Department of Public Safety)
Ohio State Barber Board	Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealers Licensing Board (Department of Public Safety)
Board of Building Standards (Department of Commerce)	Board of Nursing
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
State Chiropractic Board	Ohio Optical Dispensers Board
Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (Department of Commerce)	State Board of Optometry
State Board of Cosmetology	State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics
Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	State Board of Pharmacy
Ohio State Dental Board	Private Investigators and Security Guard Section (Department of Public Safety)
Board of Dietetics	State Board of Psychology
State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing (Department of Commerce)
Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (Department of Public Safety)	Respiratory Care Board
State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors	State Board of Sanitation Registration
Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports (Department of Aging)	Division of Securities (Department of Commerce)
Division of Financial Institutions (Department of Commerce)	Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board (Department of Health)	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board
Division of Industrial Compliance (Department of Commerce)	