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HB-6837

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE AND SCHEDULE FOR LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS AND THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE OF MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	1,404,180	1,929,805

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which (1) reduces the renewal fee for licensed clinical and licensed master SWs from \$195 to \$100, and (2) increases the licensure renewal period for clinical and master Social Workers (SWs)¹ from an annual to a biennial renewal schedule, results in a General Fund revenue loss of approximately \$1,404,180 in FY 24 and \$1,929,805 in FY 25. The renewal fee change, effective 10/1/23, results in decreased revenue between 10/1/23 and 6/30/24 (9 months) of \$919,980 in FY 24 and \$1,264,355 in FY 25. The renewal schedule change, also effective 10/1/23, results in decreased revenue of \$484,200 in FY 24 and \$655,450 in FY 25.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

¹In 2022, there were 8,957 licensed clinical SWs and 3,552 licensed master SWs. An additional 200 new licenses are projected in both licensure categories in FY 24 and FY 25.

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continue into the future subject to the number of licensed clinical SWs and licensed master SWs licensure renewals.