

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6376
BILL NUMBER: SB 72

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 25, 2024
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Therapist Immunity from Professional Discipline.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Dernulc
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board (Board) may not impose disciplinary sanctions against a practitioner if the basis of the licensing complaint is retaliatory against the practitioner for testifying in a child custody proceeding, a child in need of services proceeding, or a termination of parent-child relationship proceeding.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill may result in time savings in procedural administrative processes when a disciplinary hearing occurs, and would likely have a minimal impact on Board workload.

Explanation of State Revenues: In the case that a license would have been revoked or suspended, a minor decline in license fee and penalty revenue would be averted if fewer licenses are suspended or revoked as a result of the bill. There were no revocations and a total of 1,355 licenses suspended by the Board at the close of FY 2024. Board license fees and penalties are deposited in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency license count data FY 2024.

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