

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 937 - HB 1219

February 22, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires occupational regulatory boards within the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to issue a temporary license, valid for 18 months, to a person who is certified in another state to perform the service that left employment to accompany a spouse in the armed forces subjected to a military transfer to this state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1304(d), DCI has an established procedure to expedite the issuance of a full license for a person who is certified in another state to perform the service that left employment to accompany a spouse in the armed forces subjected to a military transfer to this state; if the state from where the license has been issued has significantly inequivalent prerequisites, the procedure may include issuing the person a temporary permit to allow the person to perform services until all education or training requirements in this state are met.
- DOH has the same established procedures as DCI for the aforementioned temporary licensure issuance under Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-101(b).
- According to DOH and DCI, no temporary licenses have been issued, to date, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-101(b) and § 4-3-1304(d), respectively. Full, expedited, licenses have been issued after ensuring the person met all licensing requirements in Tennessee.
- It is presumed that the proposed legislation will require the applicant to pay the existing licensure fee currently set by the corresponding regulatory board. Some of these licenses may be issued sooner under this legislation as compared to when they would be issued under current law; however, licensing fee revenue is assumed to remain constant over time. Therefore, no significant change in licensure fee revenue.
- Issuing a temporary license, valid for 18 months, in lieu of a full, expedited license for individuals in this category is not estimated to have a significant impact to DOH or DCI.
- Any rulemaking necessary for an individual regulatory board to ensure temporary licensure procedures adhere to the proposed legislation can be accomplished within existing resources.

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- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The DCI Division of Regulatory Boards experienced a surplus of \$2,735,422 in FY16-17, a surplus of \$2,394,375 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$27,499,691 on June 30, 2018.
- The DOH Division of Regulatory Boards experienced a surplus of \$3,609,723 in FY16-17, a surplus of \$3,621,024 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$34,646,763 on June 30, 2018.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation requires DCI or DOH to issue a temporary permit, valid for 18 months, in lieu of an expedited, full license, to the spouse of a member of the armed forces subjected to a military transfer to this state.
- A qualified person must already be certified for the professional service in another state prior to a military transfer to Tennessee; the proposed legislation is not estimated to significantly change the number of military spouses licensed to perform such services in Tennessee.
- Any impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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