

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 11-2357/2	Introduction Number AB-0429	Estimate Type Original
Description Waiving fees for certain professional and occupational licenses issued to veterans		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB-429 establishes a program that requires licensing agencies to waive fees for the issuance of a license to eligible veterans. Licensing agencies are required to verify with the Department of Veterans Affairs whether a license applicant is eligible for the program. OCI would also be required to maintain information on the program on the agency's Web site including information on the types of licenses that are eligible for the fee waiver.

The waiver would be applicable to the issuance of one insurance agent license application in any line of authority (currently \$10); one life settlement broker license application (\$750); or one Employee Benefit Plan Administrator (EBPA) license (\$100). An eligible individual may only use the available waiver one time.

The fiscal effect of this bill is indeterminable. OCI does not collect data to determine the number of veterans that are currently licensed as insurance agents, life settlement brokers or EPBAs. OCI is unable to determine the potential for veterans to apply for the eligible licenses. Veterans that take advantage of the waiver program would result in a decrease in OCI revenue from these applications.

The fiscal impact of the requirement to verify fee waiver eligibility with DVA is indeterminable. DVA would have to develop its process after which OCI would need to work with its licensing vendors to determine what system changes would be required to coordinate with DVA.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications