

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-0450/1	Introduction Number AB-0204	
Description renewal dates and continuing education requirements for certain credentials issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services and credentialing boards and granting rule-making authority		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs </div> </div>		
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts </div> </div>		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS s.20.165(1)(g), s.20.165(1)(hg), & s.20.165(2)(j)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill revises each two-year renewal period in the health and business professions to four-year renewal periods. Where specified in the statutes, the bill doubles the corresponding credential's continuing education requirement. The bill specifies that DSPS may, in cooperation with the credentialing boards, phase in the new four-year renewal periods in a manner that allows one two-year renewal to occur after the law takes effect. DSPS may also stagger the renewal dates among credential holders so that approximately half of renewals within a profession occur every two years. The bill specifies that if the four-year renewal period is in place before revised renewal fees are approved by the Joint Committee on Finance, DSPS may double the two-year renewal fee. The bill also specifies the converse, that if a two-year renewal applies to an individual after a four-year renewal fee has been established, the individual is required to pay only one-half of the four-year renewal fee.

If DSPS implements measures to phase in four-year renewal periods or to stagger renewal dates within a profession, the bill requires DSPS to do so by administrative rule. The bill also grants emergency rulemaking authority to DSPS and the credentialing boards to implement the provisions of the bill without making a finding of emergency and allows an emergency rule to remain in effect until May 1, 2025, or the date on which the permanent rule takes effect, whichever is sooner. Lastly, the bill specifies that its provisions take effect on the first day of the third month following enactment.

The Department of Safety and Professional Services estimates a total of \$197,500 in one-time costs and \$38,800 in annual ongoing costs for staffing to implement the bill.

The one-time estimated staffing need reflects working with 60 boards and would require 3.9 limited term employee (LTE) positions for legal staff to promulgate rules, develop training and update forms and for credentialing staff to train on new requirements, and work with Division of Enterprise technology (DET) staff to update software. There would be an additional one-time information technology (IT) cost. An indeterminate but not insignificant amount of DET hours at \$85 per hour and/ or contractor hours will be required to provide credentialing system (LicenseE) updates.

The estimated ongoing staff need is 0.5 full time equivalent (FTE) positions to support an increased volume of complaints, investigations, and prosecution cases for legal staff and an increase in inquiries and board support for credentialing staff.

The revenue impact resulting from implementation of this bill is indeterminate until the January 2025 when the fee study for the 2025-27 biennium is due. The one-time and ongoing estimated costs cannot be absorbed in the currently appropriated agency budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): One-time costs: \$197,500	
II. Annualized Costs:	
	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category	
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$38,800
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.5 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	
Local Assistance	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$38,800
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	
GPR	
FED	
PRO/PRS	38,800
SEG/SEG-S	
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)	
	Increased Rev
	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$
GPR Earned	
FED	
PRO/PRS	
SEG/SEG-S	
TOTAL State Revenues	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT	
	<u>State</u>
	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$38,800
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$
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