

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DSPS 5/28/2025

LRB Number	25-1310/1	Introduction Number	SB-0074	Estimate Type	Original
Description ratification of the Social Work Licensure Compact					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill ratifies and enters Wisconsin into the Social Work Licensure Compact, which provides for the ability of a social worker to become eligible to practice in other compact states. Since the compact has already been enacted by the minimum number of states required for it to become active, the compact becomes effective in Wisconsin upon enactment of the bill.

Over the last three years the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) has received an average of 1,759 social worker credentialing applications and issued an average of 1,105 licenses annually. The compact is projected to increase the average number of applications by 400 annually, leading to an anticipated 252 additional licenses being issued. DSPS estimates that the one-time impact of this legislation is \$33,760 which includes \$28,300 for staffing for 0.7 limited term employee time (LTE) and associated overhead, plus 60 hours of IT services at \$91 per hour for a total of \$5,460. These one-time costs support the activities required for workflow changes, training, process documentation, creation of new documents, IT system linkages, and website content.

DSPS estimates that ongoing costs associated with the provisions of this bill will total \$12,400 for 0.10 FTE staff and associated overhead to process applications and undertake investigations of complaints. Based on the relatively low levels of current investigation and enforcement activity for this profession, DSPS estimates that there will be limited impact related to enforcement.

The one-time and annual costs cannot be absorbed in the currently appropriated agency budget. Note that ongoing costs should be covered by fees, but that appropriation authority must provide for spending this revenue.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2025 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

☒ Original

☐ Updated

☐ Corrected

☐ Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): DSPS estimates that the one-time impact of this legislation is \$33,760.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$10,400		\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.1 FTE)		
State Operations - Other Costs	2,100		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$12,500		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS	12,500		
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, etc.)			
	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	\$12,500	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
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