



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

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PRIME SPONSOR: O'Neill

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Amends the Dental Law to allow licensed dentists from other states or countries to obtain a restricted faculty license which will authorize them to teach in dental schools in Pennsylvania. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Dental Law (Act 76 of 1933) to create a new category of license for dental school faculty who do not want to obtain a full PA dentist's license. The following are major provisions of the legislation:

- The definition of "Practice of Dentistry" is amended to include the practice of dentistry under a restricted faculty license.
- Adds Section 11.11 to create a "restricted faculty license". In order to obtain this license the applicant must: be at least 25 years old; be licensed to practice or teach dentistry in another state or country; have completed American Dental Association (ADA) approved specialty training; have not failed the PA dentistry license exam, and have been appointed to a faculty position at one of the dental schools in PA.
- A restricted faculty license allows the licensee to engage in direct clinical teaching, including practicing clinical care for the purpose of instructing students, within the primary facilities of the employing dental school. Licensees may not engage in clinical teaching or other aspects of the practice of dentistry at any satellite or off-campus clinic.
- A restricted faculty license may be renewed on a biennial basis, and renewal shall require completion of 30 hours of continuing education. Fees for this new license shall be the same as the fee prescribed by the board for licensure to practice dentistry.
- A restricted faculty licensee shall comply with the requirements for insurance as provided for in the act.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Department of State, the costs associated with this legislation would be minimal and could be offset by the initial application fee and biennial renewal fees for the restricted faculty licenses provided for in this legislation. Those costs would include additional administrative operations of the Board as well as some information technology (IT) upgrades with the addition of another licensure category to the agency's licensure database. The department estimates that the number of individuals who would hold teaching licenses would be relatively small, likely less than 20 individuals at any given time. This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.