



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 603

PRINTERS NO. 677

PRIME SPONSOR: Grove

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2014/15 | FY 2015/16 |
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| Professional Licensure Augmentation Account | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY: Amends the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act to provide title protection for Marriage and Family Therapists. This legislation would take effect in 120 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act (Act 39 of 1987) to do the following:

- Establishes that one seat on the 13-member State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board) shall rotate between a marriage and family therapist and a professional counselor.
- Prohibits the use of the title "marriage and family therapist", "family therapist", "marriage therapist" or "couples therapist" unless the individual is a licensed marriage and family therapist.
- Allows current Commonwealth and public or private school employees holding a marriage and family therapist position to continue to use the title without licensure during the time of their employment.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: June 22, 2015

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