



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

PRINTERS NO. 161

PRIME SPONSOR: Topper

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Requires licensed physicians who wish to participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act to submit to a national criminal background investigation rather than a statewide background check. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) Act of 2016 to add a new section pertaining to criminal background checks for expedited licensure applicants.

The legislation adds language to require any physician that is applying to participate in the IMLC to submit to a criminal history background check conducted by the PA State Police (PSP) for the purpose of administering the criminal history background check required under Article V of section 2 of the Act.

In order to assist the member board in reviewing the criminal history background of an applicant for an expedited license, the PSP or its designee shall do the following:

- Provide the member board with a report of the applicant's criminal history record information or a statement that the PSP central repository contains no information relating to the applicant.
- Submit the applicant's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a national criminal history records check.
- Provide the member board with the national criminal history record information of the applicant.

Criminal history record information obtained by the member board under this section shall be interpreted and used only to determine an applicant's eligibility for an expedited license under the IMLC.

As defined in Act 112 of 2016, "member board" is a state agency in a member state that acts in the sovereign interests of the state by protecting the public through licensure, regulation and education of physicians as directed by the state government.

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

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