



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 855

PRINTERS NO. 1336

PRIME SPONSOR: Owlett

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** Amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations) pertaining to application forms for licenses, certificates, registrations and permits. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Title 63 by adding a new section 3109.1 to require the Commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, or a designee of such Commissioner, in conjunction with each licensing board and commission, to ensure that paper applications are available to an individual that is applying for initial licensure or renewal and if the individual objects to submitting an electronic application based on religious or personal convictions.

The Commissioner must accomplish this task within 120 days of the effective date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to the Department of State, this legislation would result in one-time costs of \$10,000 for system changes to produce a paper application. The legislation could add some additional personnel costs to process paper applications. These costs would be dependent upon the number of paper applications, which are indeterminable at this point.

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