



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO.1295

PRINTER'S NO. 1597

PRIME SPONSOR: Mullins

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1295, Printer's Number 1597 changes procedures for disciplinary hearings before licensure boards at the Department of State.

ANALYSIS:

The bill allows respondents to appear for disciplinary hearings in person or remotely. If the respondent fails to appear, despite being given proper notice of the hearing and allegation, a hearing may be held in absentia. The bill allows the hearing examiner, board or commission to draw a negative inference that the allegations are true. Multiple continuances may only be granted for good reason.

A person who suffered adverse effects stemming from the conduct which precipitated the disciplinary hearing may submit a written impact statement, which may be used for the purposes of determining any sanctions on the respondent.

The bill shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill will have no adverse fiscal impact on the commonwealth. Licensure boards under the Department of State began conducting these hearings remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to do so. The licensure boards are equipped with the necessary technology to carry out the provisions of the bill. The changes to hearing procedures when a respondent fails to appear are administrative in nature and will have no fiscal impact.

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