

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 272

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AMOUNT

Minimal Fiscal Impact

FUND

Professional Licensure Augmentation Account

DATE INTRODUCED

January 23, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative O'Neill

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 272 amends the Dental Law to allow dentists from other states or United States territories to obtain a newly-established "restricted faculty license" which will authorize the individuals to teach in dental schools in Pennsylvania. The bill specifies that the term, "Practice of Dentistry," includes the practice of dentistry under a restricted faculty license and defines "restricted faculty license."

Section 11.11 is added to specify the Dental Board shall grant a restricted faculty license to any qualified individual, without examination, who is not less than twenty-five years of age, and is of good moral character, not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs and who satisfies the following criteria:

- Is licensed to practice or teach dentistry by the proper licensing authority of another state or United States territory;
- Is not licensed to practice dentistry in this Commonwealth;
- Has successfully completed a specialty dentistry program or advanced dental training in a clinical field that is approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;
- Holds an appointment to the faculty of a dental school in this Commonwealth that is approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;
- Has not failed an examination for a license to practice dentistry in this Commonwealth;
- Has met the educational requirements as set forth by the Board; and
- Has submitted a completed application and an application fee in the same amount as the fee prescribed by the Board for licensure to practice dentistry.

The restricted faculty licensee is entitled 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.

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The restricted faculty licensee is allowed to receive additional compensation by the dental school for providing clinical care.

The bill requires a restricted faculty licensee to renew his license on a biennial basis if the licensee has completed 30 hours of continuing education and if the licensee pays a biennial renewal fee in the same amount as the fee prescribed by the Board for renewal of licensure to practice dentistry.

The restricted faculty licensee must comply with the insurance requirements in the Act.

The act takes effect in sixty days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of State and the State Board of Dentistry have stated that minimal fiscal impact on the administrative operations of the Board will result from passage of this bill. This is due to the small number of individuals who are anticipated to desire and apply for the restricted faculty licenses; probably no more than 20 at any given time. The DOS projects that some IT costs may be incurred to add this new licensure category to the agency's licensure database. However, the bill allows the Board to collect license and renewal license fees for the restricted faculty licenses, which should cover any costs resulting from these possible IT expenses or any other costs to implement the provisions of the bill. The Board may also need to promulgate regulations to integrate the provisions of this bill with current regulations, which may result in one-time costs of about \$11,000.