

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 1056

PRINTER'S NO. 1284

AMOUNT

Minimal Fiscal Impact

FUND

General-Professional Licensure Augmentation Account

DATE INTRODUCED

March 28, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Gillespie

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1056 amends the Dental Law (Act 76 of 1933) to require the State Board of Dentistry to issue a temporary volunteer license to an individual who meets all of the following requirements:

- 1) Holds an active license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth or in another state or territory;
- 2) Practice dentistry for no personal remuneration;
- 3) Is current on all continuing education requirements;
- 4) Provides proof of medical professional liability insurance coverage; and
- 5) Is not the subject of an ongoing disciplinary investigation.

The bill authorizes the Board to issue, upon request of the applicant, either one thirty-day temporary license per applicant per year; or, up to three ten-day volunteer licenses per applicant per year.

The act takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1056 creates another type of license to be issued to out-of-state dentists who want to provide voluntary dental services in the Commonwealth. To implement the legislation, the State Board of Dentistry would be required to incur the costs needed to create an application, promulgate regulations (which the Department estimates the cost to the Board to be \$6,000), review applications to assure the legislation's criteria are met, and issue the licenses. If a fee were imposed on such applicants, it could be set at an amount needed to cover all such costs. However, if there is no fee for these voluntary dental licenses, as is the case for licenses issued under the Volunteer Health Services Act, then the Board will incur unfunded expenses to implement the legislation's provisions. The Department is unable to estimate the number of applications the Board may receive in one year and therefore, is unable to quantify the annual amount of the expenses which could be incurred.