

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 31

**PRINTER NO.** 1553

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Professional Licensure Augmentation Account

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 28, 2015

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Grell

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 31 amends the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act to bring Pennsylvania into compliance with updated Federal appraiser standards.

This legislation amends the powers and duties of the Real Estate Appraiser Board (Board) to authorize the Board to consider, to the extent required by Federal standards, criminal history record information of applicants to licensure.

The notarization requirement for an application for Board licensure is eliminated. The applicant is required to sign a statement subjecting him or her to penalties for providing false information.

This bill allows the Board to issue appraiser trainee licenses to individuals who are licensed as appraiser trainees in another state. All licensed appraiser trainees are required to complete the same level of continuing education required for residential and general appraiser renewals.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.