

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1270

PRINTER NO. 1819

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Professional Licensure Augmentation Account

DATE INTRODUCED

May 17, 2016

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Killion

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1270 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.