

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 64

PRINTER NO. 68

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Professional Licensure Augmentation
Account

DATE INTRODUCED

January 28, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Readshaw

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 64 amends the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Act to permit the carryover of continuing education credits.

The legislation permits boards and commissions under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs to allow licensees who earn continuing education credits in excess of the amount required for the license renewal to carry over the excess credits and apply them to the next biennial renewal period. Credits may only be carried over for one biennial renewal period.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 64 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The Department of State does anticipate that staff will have to spend additional time reviewing and conducting audits of continuing education credits as the legislation would double their current review period. Potential costs associated with increased administrative duties would be passed on to the boards' licensees in the form of renewal fee increases. This impact is mitigated by the fact that the authority granted under House Bill 64 is discretionary, and a board may elect to permit carryover or not.