

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1172

**PRINTER NO.** 1989

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Professional Licensure Augmentation Account

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 10, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Hickernell

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 1172 amends the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L. 345, No. 48) providing for changes to the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs boards and commissions issuance of licenses, certificates, registrations and permits.

This legislation establishes criteria which, if met, provides for the boards and commissions shall provide licenses, certificates, registrations and permits if the applicant:

- Holds a current license, certificate, registration or permit from another state, country or licensing board whose standards are equal to or exceed the standards established in the Commonwealth;
- Demonstrates competence as determined by the board or commission;
- Has not committed any act that constitutes grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation;
- Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the issuing jurisdiction; and
- Has paid any fees established by the board or commission.

House Bill 1172 also provides for a provisional license that may be issued while an applicant is satisfying remaining requirements. The applicant can practice until the license application is denied, the expiration of the provisional license as established by the board, or the applicant fails to comply with the terms of the provisional license.

The boards and commissions shall promulgate regulations within 18 months of the effective date of this legislation. The legislation shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 1172 will have no negative fiscal impact on the General Fund. The boards and commissions of the Commonwealth operate on revenues from fees charged to its licensees. Any costs incurred by any of the boards or commissions to promulgate regulations can be budgeted for, and, if necessary, fee schedules could be changed to account for the additional costs. The boards and commissions may see additional revenues from fees if the legislation is successful in providing for streamlined approval resulting in the addition of more licensed, certified, registered or permitted professionals.