

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1295

**PRINTER NO.** 1597

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 1, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Mullins

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 1295 amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, further providing for hearing examiners.

This legislation allows a respondent to attend a licensing board or licensing commission disciplinary hearing in person or remotely. If a respondent fails to appear in person or remotely despite receiving proper notice, a hearing may be held in absentia with a negative inference drawn by the hearing examiner.

A person who has suffered an adverse effect stemming from the conduct alleged in Department of State charging documents may, before or at the hearing, submit a written impact statement that may be considered by the hearing examiner solely for purposes of determining a sanction imposed on the respondent.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to information provided by the Department of State, House Bill 1295 will have no fiscal impact.