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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 614 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY HARRIS, MAY 2, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 2, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Making appropriations from the Professional Licensure  
2 Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts  
3 within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by  
4 the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in  
5 support of the professional licensure boards assigned  
6 thereto.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. (a) The sum of \$74,085,000, or as much thereof  
10 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the  
11 Professional Licensure Augmentation Account within the General  
12 Fund to the Department of State for the operation of the Bureau  
13 of Professional and Occupational Affairs for the fiscal year  
14 July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

15 (b) The appropriation under subsection (a) includes  
16 \$11,700,000 for information technology and other associated  
17 costs related to the replacement of the PA Licensure System. The  
18 \$11,700,000 may not be expended for any other purpose. The  
19 Department of State shall issue a report on November 15, 2023,  
20 and on May 15, 2024, to the chairperson and minority chairperson

1 of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the chairperson  
2 and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the  
3 House of Representatives, the chairperson and minority  
4 chairperson of the Consumer Protection and Professional  
5 Licensure Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and  
6 minority chairperson of the Professional Licensure Committee of  
7 the House of Representatives that contains all of the following:

8 (1) An accounting of funds expended by the Bureau of  
9 Professional and Occupational Affairs related to the  
10 replacement of the PA Licensure System by category of  
11 expenditure.

12 (2) A status update on the implementation and timeline  
13 of the replacement project, including a description of  
14 efforts to improve or upgrade Bureau of Professional and  
15 Occupational Affairs technology infrastructure, to interface  
16 with educational institutions in this Commonwealth, to  
17 facilitate and expedite education verification and improve  
18 the timely issuance of professional licenses.

19 (3) Any other information deemed necessary or  
20 appropriate by the department.

21 Section 2. (a) The sum of \$11,163,000, or as much thereof  
22 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the restricted  
23 receipts account of the State Board of Medicine for the  
24 operation of the board for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June  
25 30, 2024.

26 (b) The sum of \$3,176,000, or as much thereof as may be  
27 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the restricted receipts  
28 account of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine for the  
29 operation of the board for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June  
30 30, 2024.

1 (c) The sum of \$439,000, or as much thereof as may be  
2 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the restricted receipts  
3 account of the State Board of Podiatry for the operation of the  
4 board for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

5 (d) The sum of \$900,000, or as much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Athletic Commission  
7 Augmentation Account for the State Athletic Commission, as  
8 authorized by 5 Pa.C.S. § 1512 (relating to Athletic Commission  
9 Augmentation Account), for the support and operation of the  
10 commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

11 (e) Each appropriation listed in subsections (a), (b), (c)  
12 and (d) shall not be treated as an augmentation to the  
13 Department of State, a general government appropriation or any  
14 other appropriation, but shall be treated and accounted for as  
15 separate appropriations respectively.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023, or  
17 immediately, whichever is later.