

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

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Bill No.: HB 1660  
Subject: Attorneys; State Departments  
Type: Original  
Date: March 1, 2006

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	\$0 to (\$505,668)	\$0 to (\$606,801)	\$0 to (\$606,801)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0 to (\$505,668)</b>	<b>\$0 to (\$606,801)</b>	<b>\$0 to (\$606,801)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
PR Fees	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration (DED-PR)** state currently the division and the boards are being billed on an hourly basis by the Attorney General's Office. As these services have been recently reduced, some boards have utilized the DED-PR's in-house counsel or have been able to reallocate existing equipment and expense (E & E) appropriations to fund outside counsel. It is assumed that General Revenue Appropriations will be transferred through a budget decision item to either personal service or E & E if increases are needed.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assume that, if all professional boards opt to retain private legal counsel pursuant to the authorizing language of Section 620.010.14(9), then no professional board fees will be remitted to the General Revenue Fund. In FY 05, the boards remitted \$606,801 to General Revenue based on the work that attorneys and support staff in the AG's Office provided.

If all boards choose to retain private legal counsel, the AGO assumes that the impact on the General Revenue Fund will be a reduction of \$606,801, assuming the work level remains the same as the FY 05 level.

**ASSUMPTION** (continued)

**Oversight** notes the DED-PR boards may employ internal legal counsel, hire independent legal counsel, or continue to retain the AGO for legal services. As a result, **Oversight** is ranging the potential decrease in General Revenue Funds from \$0 to a loss of \$606,801 annually. Depending on which method(s) the DED-PR boards use, the PR Fees Fund may have unknown savings on legal counsel expenses.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
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**GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

Loss - Office of Attorney General

Reduction in fees from Division of  
 Professional Registration Boards

<u>\$0 to (\$505,668)</u>	<u>\$0 to (\$606,801)</u>	<u>\$0 to (\$606,801)</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON  
 GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$505,668)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$606,801)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$606,801)</u>
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**PR FEES FUND**

Savings - Various PR Board Funds

Reduction in fees paid to the AGO for  
 legal counsel and board work

<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON PR  
 FEES FUND**

<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
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<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal adds interpreters for the deaf to the list of professions which are given a grace period for license renewal while they are on active-duty military service.

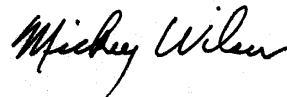
The proposal also adds certain professions to the list of health care professionals for which hospitals or ambulatory surgical centers must report disciplinary matters to the appropriate health care licensing authority.

The Director of the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Economic Development is authorized to retain personnel to render necessary services.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Attorney General  
Department of Economic Development -  
Division of Professional Registration



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