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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6991

BILL NUMBER: SB 333

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 30, 2006

BILL AMENDED: Jan 30, 2006

SUBJECT: Professional Licensing.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Dillon

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

Veterinarians: The bill amends the certification requirements for foreign-educated veterinarians. This bill requires a person who has failed the veterinarian examination three times to take remedial education before being allowed to retake the examination.

Continuing Education: This bill establishes continuing education requirements that apply to all professions that require continuing education.

Licensed Professionals Social Security Numbers: The bill requires licensed professionals to provide the Professional Licensing Agency with the person's Social Security number. This bill allows the agency to release Social Security numbers to testing services and state boards and professional organizations. The bill establishes uniform professional license reinstatement requirements.

Barbering and Cosmetology: This bill requires barbering and cosmetology schools to administer the practical examination. The bill removes barber health certificate requirements.

Medical Licensing Board: This bill allows the Medical Licensing Board to establish conditions to reactivate a physician's license.

Manufactured Home Installers: This bill allows the Professional Licensing Agency to set a uniform renewal date for licensed manufactured home installers.

Optometry: The bill transfers the duties of the Optometric Legend Drug Prescription Advisory Committee to the Optometry Board. The bill requires that providing a patient with a contact lens prescription must comply with federal law.

Private Detectives: This bill removes the private detectives' licensure exemption for certain law enforcement officers.

Psychology Temporary Permits: The bill establishes a limited scope temporary psychology permit.

Real Estate/Brokers: This bill requires a person who passes the real estate salesperson examination or broker examination to apply for a license within one year.

Repeal of Existing Professional Licensing Law & Technical Changes: The bill repeals provisions concerning: license reinstatement; temporary barbers and cosmetology licenses; master cosmetologist licenses; shampoo operator licenses; cosmetology continuing education; expired provision concerning hearing aid dealers; and nonconforming continuing education provisions. This bill makes technical and conforming amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Continuing Education:* The bill would unify procedures for the Agency to audit, notify practitioners, and assess civil penalties for noncompliance with continuing education requirements. The provision could reduce the time and expense involved with the process of noncompliance cases.

Barbering and Cosmetology: The bill would allow applicants for a barber or cosmetology license to take their practical examination at their respective school and not at a board facility. This provision could reduce expenditures of these respective boards.

The written examination for barbers and cosmetology license applicants would be allowed to be offered by computer. Assuming new examination questions would not need to be developed, the cost to offer the examination via a computer should be able to be self-funded through applicant fees.

Additionally, the bill would repeal the master cosmetologist license and shampoo operator's license. The bill would also remove continuing education requirements from cosmetologists.

The Agency collected \$102,107 in barber license fees and \$907,715 in cosmetology fees in FY 2005.

Optometry: There would be a savings to the state if the Optometric Legend Drug Prescription Advisory Committee were repealed. Each member of the Committee that is not a state employee is entitled to a salary per diem and travel reimbursement.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Continuing Education:* Given that the bill would unify procedures for the Agency to assess civil penalties for noncompliance, it is not likely the number of civil penalties assessed under this provision would be greater or less than penalties assessed under current law for continuing education noncompliance.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations.*

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