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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1117

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Bill Title: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; universal license recognition.

Bill Summary: Reduces from three years to one year the number of years an individual is required to have held a professional or occupational license or government certification in another state in order to apply to the regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and be issued an occupational license or government certification under the universal license recognition program.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR); however, no budget action is needed.

Fiscal Summary: The bill may generate an indeterminate increase in both revenue and expenses for DPOR.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill adjusts the requirements for recognition of certain professional licenses granted by other states, reducing the time an individual must have held the license from three years to one year.

The bill may result in an increase in the number of individuals who apply for a license through the universal license recognition process. The bill leaves in place the requirement that all applicants must pay applicable fees, which would include application fees. The amount of the fee for initial licensure by universal recognition varies by board. An increase in applicants would lead to an increased workload for the department. Estimates from DPOR of the number of additional applicants are not available at this time, so the revenue and expense impacts are indeterminate.

This impact statement is preliminary and may be updated if additional information becomes available.

Other: None.