Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1254 H1 **Patron:** Glass
Bill Title: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

Bill Summary: Makes several amendments for the purposes of regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to include (i) amending the definition of the "practice of landscape architecture"; (ii) removing the exemption for a person engaged in the practice of engineering, architecture, or land surveying as a full-time, salaried employee of the Commonwealth on March 8, 1992, from certain licensure requirements provided the employee does not furnish advisory service for compensation to the public in connection with engineering, architecture, or land surveying; (iii) providing that any state agency or political subdivision that is unable to employ a qualified licensed engineer, architect, or land surveyor to fill a responsible charge position, after a reasonable and unsuccessful search, may fill the position with an unlicensed person upon the determination by the chief administrative officer of the agency or political subdivision that the person, by virtue of education, experience, and expertise, can perform the work required of the position; (iv) directing the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians to promulgate regulations for the issuance of training permits and work permits; and (v) repealing provisions of the Code allowing for the waiver of examinations for wax technicians and estheticians. The bill contains technical amendments.

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: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact resulting from this bill can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill authorizes DPOR's Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians to issue training permits and work permits to individuals who meet the appropriate criteria, exempts apprentices from certain licensure requirements, repeals examination waivers for wax technicians and estheticians, and makes several technical amendments. DPOR anticipates that any fiscal impact resulting from the bill will be minor, and absorbable within existing appropriations.

Other: None.