

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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H. 3288 Introduced on January 10, 2023 **Bill Number:**

Collins Author:

Subject: Occupational and Professional Licensing

House Judiciary Requestor:

RFA Analyst(s): Wren

Impact Date: April 19, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires a person who has a current and valid employment authorization approved by federal immigration authorities to be eligible for occupational or professional licensure provided all other applicable requirements are met.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) since the agency anticipates any increase in the number of applications pursuant to the provisions of the bill will be minimal and can be managed within existing resources.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2023 State Expenditure

This bill requires a person who has a current and valid employment authorization approved by federal immigration authorities to be eligible for occupational or professional licensure provided all other applicable requirements are met.

LLR indicates that the agency's Immigration Division runs Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) requests as needed on behalf of the licensing boards. LLR is charged \$0.50 per SAVE request by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. LLR further indicates that the agency's average expenditures for SAVE requests for the past three fiscal years was approximately \$800. While the provisions of the bill may lead to a slight increase in the number of applications for licensure that require SAVE requests, LLR expects any additional expenses to be minimal and can be managed within existing resources.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A