

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: SB 1512 - MRA

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Versions are Considered Official*

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Task Force on Occupational and Professional Licensing. Directs the Task Force to submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staff support to the Task Force. Sunsets the Task Force on December 31, 2023.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Legislative Assembly, Statewide, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 1512, as modified by the A-engrossed Minority Report, establishes the Task Force on Occupational and Professional Licensing. The measure directs the Task Force to research and study issues related to occupational and professional licensing in the state and submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to occupational and professional licensing by September 15, 2022. The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) shall provide staff support to the Task Force. All agencies of state government are directed to assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties. The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment *sine die* and the Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2023.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

Resources are budgeted for staff from LPRO to support the work of the Legislative Assembly, including committees, workgroups, and task forces. Many of these efforts can be absorbed with existing resources, and this Task Force on its own would likely not require additional resources for LPRO, beyond its current budget and staffing levels. However, depending on the number of other committees, workgroups, and task forces formed, LPRO may need to hire additional analysts to support the work of this Task Force. If additional staff are needed, LPRO would hire a limited duration Senior Research Analyst to assist the Task Force.

It should also be noted that because the measure does not take effect until June 2022, the Task Force will likely only have three months to complete its work and submit its report to the Legislative Assembly, which is due by September 15, 2022. It is unclear whether the Task Force would continue between September 15, 2022 and December 31, 2023. Assuming the Task Force were to continue to meet during those 15 months before the Task Force sunsets, providing staff support to the Task Force would have only a minimal fiscal impact on LPRO.

Statewide

The measure directs all agencies of state government to assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties. This would have a minimal impact on state agencies, though the impact to smaller licensing boards, commissions, and agencies could be more significant than to larger agencies that issue occupational and professional licenses.

Legislative Assembly

The measure would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Legislative Assembly.