

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 937

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter, L. Scott

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Spouses of military service members; expediting issuance of business licenses, etc.

5. Summary: The substitute proposal requires a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Health Professions, or any board named in Title 54.1 to establish procedures to expedite the issuance of a license, permit, certificate, or other document, however styled or denominated, required for the practice of any business, profession, or occupation in the Commonwealth, of an applicant (i) holding the same or similar license, permit, certificate, or other document required for the practice of any business, profession, or occupation issued by another jurisdiction, (ii) whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to the Commonwealth, and (iii) who left employment to accompany the applicant's spouse to Virginia, if, in the opinion of the board, the requirements for the issuance of the license, permit, certificate, or other document in such other jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to those required in the Commonwealth. The bill provides for the issuance of a temporary permit under certain circumstances and limits to six months the duration of a temporary permit issued.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required by this legislation, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.

7. Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined (See item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires that if a board is unable to make a final determination regarding substantial equivalency with 30 days of receipt of a completed application, then it must issue a temporary credential. While most applications would be processed within 30 days, it cannot be assumed that this would always be the case. Therefore, it is further assumed that the bill's provisions will require the impacted boards to have the capability to issue the required six-month temporary license for military spouses. The Departments of Professional and Occupational Regulation and Health Professions as well as the Board of Accountancy would need to implement new procedures for staff to license, certify or register the related occupations and professions. The creation of this procedure as well as the creation of the necessary application forms and modification to the licensing system would increase costs for the relevant boards. However, the overall fiscal impact is unknown at this

time. It is assumed that regulatory fees will be adjusted to generate the revenue needed to cover any additional expenditures incurred. While any needed nongeneral fund dollars and positions would have to be appropriated, such action can occur administratively until such time as a clear impact can be determined and included in the Appropriation Act.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Health Professions

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

Board of Accountancy

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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