

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2221

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Cline

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Professional and Occupational Licensing Requirements.

5. **Summary:** The substitute bill creates the Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Professional and Occupational Licensing Requirements of the various regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The substitute bill sets out the membership of the Joint Subcommittee and enumerates its powers and duties

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Items 1 and 6.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

7a. **Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017			
2018	\$126,040	1	General
2019	\$126,040	1	General
2020	\$126,040	1	General
2021	\$126,040	1	General
2022	\$126,040	1	General
2023	\$126,040	1	General

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) oversees 18 regulatory boards and programs involving several hundred license types including licenses for, but not limited to, architects, contractors, geologists, barbers, and cosmetologists. The substitute bill limits the review to be performed by the Joint Subcommittee to the minimum qualifications for licensure, certification, or registration that

an applicant must satisfy to engage in a practice. Continuing education, standards of practice, and equipment requirements are no longer required to be reviewed under the substitute, as was required in the introduced version of the bill. Significant resources will still have to be devoted to establishing procedures and performance measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the minimum qualifications. Given the number and diversity of license types and scope of review required by the bill, the Division of Legislative Services state the agency will need one full-time general fund position at \$100,000 per year.

The Senate of Virginia states that the Senate would incur costs of approximately \$11,160 for their subcommittee members based on 4 meetings per year for compensation and expenses, which is common for this type of legislative body. The House of Delegates estimates their impact for such activity at \$14,880.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; the Division of Legislative Services; The Senate of Virginia; The House of Delegates.

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

- 11. Other Comments:** None.