Department of Planning and Budget
2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB 533

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

2. **Patron:** Freitas

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Professions and occupations; qualifications for licensure; acceptance of substantially equivalent.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Medicine and the Board of Dentistry to accept the military training, education, or experience of a service member honorably discharged from active military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, to the extent that such training, education, or experience is substantially equivalent to the requirements established by law and regulations of the respective board for the issuance of any license, permit, certificate, or other document, however styled or denominated, required for the practice of any business, profession, or occupation in the Commonwealth. Current law exempts the Board of Medicine and the Board of Dentistry from this requirement and provides that they may accept the military training, education, or experience of a service member under certain circumstances. The bill also directs the Department of Veterans Services to take steps to promote awareness among veterans of the acceptance of such substantially equivalent military training, education, or experience by the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Health Professions, or any other board named in Title 54.1 (Professions and Occupations).

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **No Fiscal Impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill, as amended, would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth, the Department of Health Professions, or the Department of Veterans Services.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.