

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1510

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

2. **Patron:** Simon

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Professions and occupations; reciprocity.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Department of Health Professions to promulgate regulations recognizing licenses or certificates issued by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as full fulfillment of qualifications for licensure or certification in the Commonwealth. The provisions of the bill expire on July 1, 2021.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	0	0	n/a
2019	\$64,250	0	NGF
2020	0	0	n/a
2021	0	0	n/a
2022	0	0	n/a
2023	0	0	n/a
2024	0	0	n/a

Expenditure Impact, Department of Health Professions:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	0	0	n/a
2019	\$5,000	0	NGF
2020	0	0	n/a
2021	0	0	n/a
2022	0	0	n/a
2023	0	0	n/a
2024	0	0	n/a

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill increases the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) by requiring all 17 regulatory boards within DPOR to promulgate regulations that recognize licenses or

certificates issued by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as full fulfillment of qualifications for licensure or certification in Virginia. The boards will need to conduct meetings to revise the regulations and will need to update applications, forms, and letters to include the license or certificate reciprocity arrangement.

Expenditure Impact: In FY 2019, each board will need to conduct two additional meetings to make the regulation revisions. The boards reimburse members for travel expenses incurred when attending board meetings. Existing staff resources would be utilized to modify and update all applications and to make configuration updates to the licensing system. The total additional one-time charge for two board meetings per board is approximately \$64,250.

The number of additional applicants for licensure or certification as a result of this bill is unknown. The need for additional staffing or other resources is indeterminate. Revenue generated from the additional applications is also indeterminate.

According to the Department of Health Professions (DHP), this bill would require promulgation of regulations because Puerto Rico requirements are not comparable to Virginia for several of its boards. DHP estimates that the cost to develop any regulation is \$5,000 and can be absorbed with existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.