

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2180

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

2. Patron: Morefield

3. Committee: Passed the House

4. Title: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; universal license recognition

5. Summary: Establishes criteria for an individual licensed, certified, or having work experience in another state to apply to a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and be issued an occupational license or government certification if certain conditions are met. The provisions of this bill do not apply to professional services, defined as work performed by an independent contractor within the scope of the practice of accounting, actuarial services, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture, law, dentistry, medicine, optometry, pharmacy or professional engineering, or the services of an economist procured by the State Corporation Commission

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	50,000	NGF
2025	50,000	NGF
2026	92,500	NGF
2027	92,500	NGF
2028	128,600	NGF
2029	128,600	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill increases the administrative responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) by creating a uniform set of requirements for individuals licensed in other states to obtain a license in Virginia. DPOR regulatory boards will be required to issue a Virginia license to out-of-state occupational license holders when certain conditions are met. This creates an alternate pathway to licensure but would not require the regulatory boards to replace existing pathways that might be less burdensome. DPOR expects approximately 500 additional applicants per year under the universal license program. DPOR current operations can absorb this additional volume with no additional resources required.

Revenue: The universal licensure program is expected to generate an additional 500 applicants per year. The estimated average application fee of \$100 across the boards would result in \$50,000 in revenue each year, beginning in FY2024. Additionally, approximately 85 percent of the applications will result in issued licenses that renew on average every two years. Approximately \$42,500 in revenue from renewed licenses will begin in FY2026 and FY2027 and revenue will increase to \$78,600 in FY2028 and FY2029, resulting in total estimated revenue of \$92,500 in FY2026 and FY2027 and \$128,600 from FY2028 onward.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB 1213 also provides for universal license recognition.