

Fiscal Note

BILL # SB 1333

TITLE: database; health professionals; license revocations

SPONSOR: Shamp

STATUS: House Engrossed

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Description

The bill would require the Department of Health Services (DHS) to create an online searchable database consisting of license revocation information from health profession regulatory boards by July 1, 2024.

Estimated Impact

DHS estimates the bill would generate one-time costs of \$125,100 to develop the database, with ongoing annual costs of approximately \$5,000. While the bill would require some added workload of health profession regulatory boards, several larger boards already compile and publish this information.

Analysis

The affected professions under the bill would be podiatry, chiropractors, dentistry, medicine and surgery, naturopathic medicine, nursing, dispensing opticians, optometry, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, pharmacy, board of physical therapy, psychologists, veterinarians, physician assistants, radiologic technologists, homeopathic physicians, behavioral health physicians, occupational therapy, respiratory care, acupuncture, athletic trainers, massage therapy, nursing care institution administrators, assisted living facilities managers, midwives, hearing aid dispensers, audiologists, and speech pathologists. Some of the above professions are licensed through their own regulatory board while the remainder are licensed through DHS.

The bill would require each health profession regulatory board to submit license revocation data for the preceding 5 years by July 1, 2024. After that, DHS would instruct the boards how often to submit updated information.

Many of the affected health regulatory boards currently report license revocations on their respective websites. For example, the Arizona Board of Pharmacy website has a searchable database with all disciplinary actions, including revocations. Their database also includes some information on disciplinary actions from other boards, such as the Board of Nursing and the Arizona Medical Board. Some regulatory boards also report this information as a standalone document.

DHS estimates the bill would require \$125,100 one-time for the development of the searchable database. This estimate assumes paying a contractor \$100 per hour for 1,251 hours. DHS estimates an additional \$5,000 ongoing for operation and maintenance costs of the database.

Local Government Impact

None

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