



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 79

Committee: Judiciary

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Senate Bill 79 as introduced would increase the administrative obligations of occupational licensing boards by an undetermined amount by: (1) requiring the boards, upon request, to make a determination of whether an individual's criminal conviction would disqualify an individual from obtaining the occupational license being sought; and (2) authorizing the boards to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this bill. Additionally, this bill would allow the boards to charge up to \$20 per request to offset the administrative cost of making this determination.

This bill would also repeal existing law requiring an individual convicted of a felony and seeking to obtain an occupational license to petition the circuit court to obtain an Order of Limited Relief and pay a \$100 filing fee, which would reduce the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) administrative obligations of, and administrative filing fee receipts collected from petitioners for Orders of Limited Relief. Per AOC, since 2019, there have been 11 petitions for Orders of Limited Relief for a total, of \$1,100.

Further, this bill would reduce receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, and other funds to which court costs paid by persons petitioning the court for relief would normally be deposited.