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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1230

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SUBJECT: Professional Licensing Agency.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Miller D
FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Rogers

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Extension of Determination Time*– The bill provides that a state agency must determine if an alleged violator has substantially corrected the violation and notify an alleged violator whether the alleged violator is in substantial compliance with a state rule or state statute not more than 90 days after certain occurrences (current law provides for 30 days).

Certificates Language Added– The bill adds certification language for purposes of renewals.

Fines– The bill allows certain boards to assess different fines for individuals and businesses for purposes of disciplinary sanctions.

Changes to Boards– The bill makes various changes to the following boards: (1) The State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners. (2) The Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners. (3) The Respiratory Care Committee.

Appraisal Management Companies– The bill provides that certain persons may not own an interest in an appraisal management company.

Changes to PLA– The bill repeals the Indiana Code chapter relating to the Professional Licensing Agency's (PLA) duties and merges the PLA's duties in another existing Indiana Code chapter.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Changes to PLA*– The bill would change the operational requirements of the PLA to reduce the PLA's staffing levels. Any staff reductions from this provision would lead to a reduction in state expenditures of an amount to be determined by administrative action.

Extension of Determination Time– The bill would allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), Department of State Revenue (DOR), and the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) under the PLA's and professional boards' authority to check to see if a license applicant may be on the tax warrant list or has an

outstanding balance owed to the ATC or BMV, prior to a license or certificate being issued by the PLA. The BMV, DOR, and ATC should be able to run the required checks within existing staff and resource levels.

Changes to Boards– The bill changes the breakdown of select boards and committees; however, the total number of members remains unchanged.

Appraisal Management Companies– The PLA may need to update stakeholders of the bill’s proposed changes. It is likely the PLA would provide notification by electronic mail as a routine matter of business.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Extension of Determination Time*– The provision could potentially reduce the amount of civil penalties imposed by state agencies, by extending the time period by 60 days, which could potentially reduce state General Fund revenue and various dedicated funds. Any reduction in civil penalties would depend upon whether civil penalties would have been imposed on violators absent the provision to extend the time allowed to correct violations.

Fines– This provision would allow for a business entity to be fined up to \$5,000 (currently up to \$1,000) for a disciplinary sanction by a professional board. As a result, revenue from professional disciplinary fines may increase slightly in future state fiscal years. Professional disciplinary fines are placed in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency; Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Department of State Revenue; Alcohol and Tobacco Commission; various other executive branch agencies.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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