



150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 55
SPONSOR: Senator Cloutier
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 AND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE
RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signing by the Governor and affects tax years beginning after December 31, 2019.
2. This Act authorizes a one-time tax credit equal to the amount of the fee for a new occupational license for individuals 25 years or younger or whose income is equal to or less than 130% of the federal poverty level.
3. There are currently 59 occupations requiring licensure in the State whose licensing fee ranges from \$25 to \$404 and average \$215. The Department of State, Division of Professional Regulations estimates that an average of roughly 8,450 residents among the varying occupations are issued new licenses annually. The Division does not currently keep demographic data on residents issued occupational licenses.
4. According to 2017 U.S. Census data, 15 to 24 year olds represent roughly 12.3% of the State's total population. Census data also reports that 3.7% of the State's full-time working population over 16 years of age has income at 125% of the federal poverty level or less.
5. Assumes a 2.0% population growth in fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

Estimated Revenue Loss:

Fiscal Year 2020: \$293,500 (8,450 new licenses X 12.3% + 8,450 new licenses X 3.7% X \$215)

Fiscal Year 2021: \$299,400

Fiscal Year 2022: \$305,400

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