153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 323**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Walsh**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act requires that the Department of State, Division of Professional Regulation (the Division or DPR) employ at least one licensed journeyperson electrician to carry out investigations as a member of the Investigative Unit of the Division.
3. The Division does not currently employ an Investigator in this capacity and has no open Investigator positions in its Investigate Unit at the time of the issuance of this fiscal projection. Therefore, the Division would need an additional Investigator position to comply with the provisions of this Act. The Fiscal Year 2027 costs are estimated at $65,099, and one-time costs are estimated at $7,300 and are as follows:
   a. Recurring Costs – $65,099
      1. $63,519 in the Fiscal Year 2027 Personnel Costs (9 months of funding), including OECs at 33.41%, for 1.0 ASF FTE, Investigator II.
      2. $1,580 for projected contractual service needs relating to the Department of Technology and Information SEUS (Secure End User Services) costs and the Department of Human Resources eSTAR timekeeping costs, and supplies and materials needs relating to the establishment of the new position.
   b. One-Time Costs – $7,300 for computer and technology equipment, and office furniture startup costs for the new position.
4. All Fiscal Year 2027 personnel costs have been estimated for nine months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining three months incorporated into subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation factor has been included to account for projected increases in salaries, health insurance, and OECs.
5. Pursuant primarily to 29 Del. C. § 8735(c), the DPR is funded through Appropriated Special Fund (ASF) revenue sources that include Professional License and Examination Fees related to professional licensing and other late or miscellaneous fees assessed and used in the operation of the various functions and duties required of the Division. Therefore, this fiscal projection assumes that ASF revenue shall be used to support the projected personnel and operational needs of this Act.

Cost:

	Appropriated Special Fund Recurring/Operating Costs	Appropriated Special Fund One-Time Costs
Fiscal Year 2027:	$65,099	$7,300
Fiscal Year 2028:	$87,966	
Fiscal Year 2029:	$89,694	

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